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Read each pair of statements below and place an "X" by the one that comes closest to describing your feelings and beliefs about yourself. You may feel that neither statement describes you well, but pick the one that comes closest. **Please complete all pairs.**

1.  I really like to be the center of attention  
 It makes me uncomfortable to be the center of attention
2.  I am no better or no worse than most people  
 I think I am a special person
3.  Everybody likes to hear my stories  
 Sometimes I tell good stories
4.  I usually get the respect that I deserve  
 I insist upon getting the respect that is due me
5.  I don't mind following orders  
 I like having authority over people
6.  I am going to be a great person  
 I hope I am going to be successful
7.  People sometimes believe what I tell them  
 I can make anybody believe anything I want them to
8.  I expect a great deal from other people  
 I like to do things for other people
9.  I like to be the center of attention  
 I prefer to blend in with the crowd
10.  I am much like everybody else  
 I am an extraordinary person
11.  I always know what I am doing  
 Sometimes I am not sure of what I am doing
12.  I don't like it when I find myself manipulating people  
 I find it easy to manipulate people
13.  Being an authority doesn't mean that much to me  
 People always seem to recognize my authority
14.  I know that I am good because everybody keeps telling me so  
 When people compliment me I sometimes get embarrassed
15.  I try not to be a show off  
 I am apt to show off if I get the chance
16.  I am more capable than other people  
 There is a lot that I can learn from other people

**NPI-16 Key:** Responses consistent with narcissism are shown in bold.

1.   \_\_\_   **I really like to be the center of attention**  
      \_\_\_   It makes me uncomfortable to be the center of attention
2.   \_\_\_   I am no better or nor worse than most people  
      \_\_\_   **I think I am a special person**
3.   \_\_\_   **Everybody likes to hear my stories**  
      \_\_\_   Sometimes I tell good stories
4.   \_\_\_   I usually get the respect that I deserve  
      \_\_\_   **I insist upon getting the respect that is due me**
5.   \_\_\_   I don't mind following orders  
      \_\_\_   **I like having authority over people**
6.   \_\_\_   **I am going to be a great person**  
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      \_\_\_   **I find it easy to manipulate people**
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16.  \_\_\_   **I am more capable than other people**  
      \_\_\_   There is a lot that I can learn from other people

**Scoring:** compute proportion of responses consistent with narcissism.

**Background:** The NPI-16 items are drawn from across the dimensions of Raskin and Terry's (1988) 40-item measure. Relevant references are noted below.

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