

A Culture of Crybabies



The 21st Century World of
Wimps, Whiners, and Victims



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A Hard Look in the Mirror

“No Whining”

— Sign in the gym where I work out.

The previous chapters have touched on the various attitudes, behaviors, and issues that make up and fuel the Culture of Crybabies. As you’ve read along you may have asked yourself, “Am I a Crybaby; am I part of the problem?” “No, no, of course not,” you say. “There are Crybabies out there that think and behave that way—in fact, I might know a few—but not me!”

Well, let’s see about that. I’m going to borrow an idea from *The O’Reilly Factor* and present my own culture quiz. This is not a test where the answers are right or wrong, or that you pass or fail. It is simply a gauge to see where you stand on the scale of participating in, enabling, and perpetuating the Culture of Crybabies. This is an opportunity to be completely honest with yourself and find out if you are a Crybaby. It’s time to take a hard look in the mirror.

Read each of the following twenty questions and write down the letter of the one best answer to each question that you think best fits your attitude or behavior, and then we'll tally up your score at the end.



The Culture of Crybabies Quiz

1. How do you vote?
 - a. I vote for independent candidates only.
 - b. I vote for the candidates that best represent my own political ideology.
 - c. I always vote a straight Democratic or Republican ticket.

2. Two candidates on the same Democratic or Republican ticket of your choice are running in a primary election. Both have similar ideas and positions on the issues that are equally appealing to you. One is a first-time candidate, and the other a life-long incumbent. Who do you vote for?
 - a. Neither, I would only vote for an independent candidate.
 - b. I vote for the new guy or gal.
 - c. I vote for the incumbent; he/she has more experience in office.

3. How do you feel about politicians in general?
 - a. Most are self- and party-serving, and their primary interest is getting reelected.

- b. There are a few bad apples, but most are sincere in their efforts.
 - c. The political system as it functions in America today should be a model for democracy around the world.
4. What is your general attitude on social assistance and entitlement programs?
- a. They should be minimized and used only for the seriously handicapped and parentless children.
 - b. They are a good safety net for all of society, and should be available to whoever needs help.
 - c. Society owes the poor, the underprivileged, minorities, and those who are victims of society.
5. Married couples and families with children have a special status in society and should receive special treatment under the law. Agree or disagree?
- a. I completely disagree—there should be no special status or treatment.
 - b. There should be some limited special status and treatment—after all, families need help.
 - c. I totally agree—marriage and families with children are the backbone of our society and deserve special status and treatment.
6. Your child is not doing well academically in school. You would:
- a. Speak with his teacher about the problems, and consider extra tutoring and/or working with your child more at home.

- b. Have the child evaluated to see what learning disabilities he/she has.
 - c. Demand that the school provide special assistance programs for my whatever-challenged child.

7. You are watching a television documentary about the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and hear the word “nigger” used. You feel:
 - a. That it’s no big deal used in that historical context and reflects the reality of society at that time.
 - b. Uncomfortable to hear that word used these days in any context.
 - c. Outraged and offended to ever hear the word.

8. The families of the 9/11 victims received huge compensations from the U.S. government, some exceeding a million dollars. What do you think about that?
 - a. The payments were totally unjustified and ridiculous—it was nothing more than grandstanding and appeasement by pandering politicians.
 - b. All things considered, it was probably best to pay them off and avoid all the litigation.
 - c. The 9/11 families deserved the money for their heroic pain and suffering.

9. You are injured in a car accident that was the other driver’s fault, but you fully recover within a month. The other driver was insured and all your medical bills are paid, and your damaged vehicle replaced with a new one. The insurance company even offers to fully pay your lost wages from work. You feel:

- a. That the insurance company has been reasonable in making you whole again.
 - b. You should try to get a \$100K more for your hassle.
 - c. This is my shot at retirement. My attorney says we can get millions for my injuries, pain, and suffering.
10. How do you feel about gay marriage?
- a. Gay or straight, who needs marriage? Don't get the state involved in your personal relationships.
 - b. Gays should be allowed to have some type of legal civil union, but not marriage.
 - c. Gay marriage is immoral and a threat to the institution of traditional marriage, and should be outlawed. What's next, marriage between people and their pets?
11. When you watch television news, how do you generally consider the information that you see and hear?
- a. With total skepticism. Most networks have an agenda that is pushed through the news.
 - b. If it's on the major TV networks, it must be accurate.
 - c. I only watch CNN or FOX to get The Truth.
12. You are watching TV news coverage showing the victims of a flood disaster sifting through the rubble of their destroyed homes. How do you feel?
- a. People shouldn't live in flood-prone areas. Hope they have insurance.

- b. It's comforting to know that politicians will declare the region a disaster area and the government will provide low-cost loans to rebuild.
 - c. Somebody send them some help!
13. How do you feel about religion in the public arena and government?
- a. People's religious beliefs and practices are chosen lifestyles and their private affairs, and should be kept at home and church.
 - b. Religion has no place in government, but the public arena, such as schools, is fair game for religious expression.
 - c. We are a nation founded on religious principles, and religious practices should be integrated into our society, government, and laws.
14. What is your general reaction to 9/11, and attitude toward the War on Terror?
- a. Because of our self-imposed fear and security responses, the terrorists have effectively changed the way we live; the terrorists are winning.
 - b. It's reasonable to give up some liberties and privacy to fight the War on Terror.
 - c. Thank God government is protecting us!
15. How do you feel about the use of atomic bombs on Japanese cities in World War II?
- a. Under the circumstances, it was a necessity that in the long run probably saved millions of lives on both sides.

- b. Nuclear weapons should never be used in any circumstance.
 - c. It was an atrocity perpetrated by the United States on the Japanese people.
16. How many biological children do you have or plan to have in your lifetime?
- a. 0 or 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3 or more
17. What should we do with career criminals who repeatedly commit serious and violent crimes again and again?
- a. Terminate them. Society owes repeat predators nothing and should not spend a dime on long-term incarceration.
 - b. Put them in prison for long terms to keep them away from society.
 - c. They are victims of society, and society owes them rehabilitation and another chance.
18. What are your thoughts on the legalization of drugs?
- a. They should be legal. The “illegalization” of drugs is primarily responsible for all the crime and violence surrounding the issue.
 - b. Some hard addictive drugs like heroin and methamphetamine are bad for society and should remain illegal.
 - c. I saw the movie *Reefer Madness* and know how dangerous marijuana and other narcotics really are. We must win the War on Drugs at any cost.

19. Human overpopulation of the planet is the root cause of most social issues and problems. Worldwide population needs to be reduced significantly for civilization to survive and prosper. Agree or disagree?
- I agree. Current social problems will continue to fester as the population grows. We must change our obsolete attitudes about large families and bring our numbers down to a sustainable level.
 - That may be true but what can we do? It's human nature and cultural tradition to have large families.
 - The more people, the stronger our nation and economy.
20. What is your outlook for the future of the world?
- If we get our heads out of the sand, come together to get things under control, we can work our way toward a better world for us, our kids, and future generations.
 - What can one person do? All I can do is take care of myself and my family.
 - Pray, and God will take care of the rest.

OK, let's see if you participate in the Culture of Crybabies. For each question that you answered with (a), score one point; (b), score three points; and (c), score five points. Total all your points and see where you sit on the scale below:

20-29 points: You are pretty much out of the Crybaby loop. You may have a couple of pet issues but you are

not a big part of the problem.

30-69 points: You fall into the category of an enabler. You may not be dependent on society, but you sympathize with and encourage others to be wimps, whiners, and victims.

70 or more points: You are probably a victim of society and heavily dependent on the system. Or, you have a vested interest in perpetuating the Culture of Crybabies. Perhaps you work in the media, are a personal injury attorney, or have political aspirations.



So how did you do? Again there is no right or wrong, or good or bad, just a way of understanding to what degree you participate in the Culture of Crybabies. If you scored less than thirty points, you are probably living your life independently, relatively free from media and political control, and government involvement in your life. Keep up the good work and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

But if you scored higher, you may want to consider a new outlook, a new approach on how to view the world and live your life. Perhaps you readily admit that you have Crybaby tendencies but want to change. Good for you—that's the first step to recovery from Crybaby Syndrome.

If you are ready for change and want to know more, continue reading. We'll learn how to get away from the influence of the Culture of Crybabies, and explore some alternative attitudes and ideas. We're going to Culture Rehab.

Yep, just like all the politicians, virtuecrats, and TV evangelists who've been caught with prostitutes or having fun with drugs, we're off to do thirty days of cultural rehabilitation. It's going to be tough at times—most of us have a lifetime addiction to some of our Crybaby habits. You will have to give up irresponsible behavior and attitudes, and take charge of your life, maybe for the first time. The good news is that you will return completely cured of CS, no longer wimpy, whiny, and dependent, and ready to function in a normal, responsible society.

