

Examining Internal Motivations and Responses

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8	lt's not safe to trust anyone.	I avoid being harmed, or controlled by others.	Protecting myself is central to me.	You will not be betrayed.
9	It's not safe to be yourself.	I avoid loss of connection or separation.	Feeling calm is central to me.	Your presence matters.
1	lt's not safe to make mistakes.	I avoid being bad, corrupt, or defective.	Having integrity is central to me.	You are good.
2	lt's not safe to have your own needs.	I avoid being unworthy of being loved.	Being loved is central to me.	You are wanted.
3	It's not safe to have your own feelings and identity.	I avoid being worthless, or without inherent value.	Being valuable is central to me.	You are loved for yourself.
4	It's not safe to be too functional or too happy.	I avoid being without identity or personal significance.	Being myself is central to me.	You are seen for who you are.
5	It's not safe to be too comfortable in the world.	I avoid being useless, incapable or incompetent.	Being competent is central to me.	Your needs are not a problem.
6	lt's not safe to trust yourself.	I avoid being without support or guidance.	Being secure is central to me.	You are safe.
7	It's not safe to depend on anyone for anything.	I avoid being deprived or trapped in pain.	Being happy is central to me.	You will be taken care of.