Gun Violence in America Scales

Your survey contains 2 scales. A scale is a grouping of questions that are designed to collectively measure an attitude, behavior, or trait. You will need to “create” these scales as described below. Important! Have a look at the survey itself – the scales are boxed in green. This said, the social concern scale includes one question found earlier in the survey.

**Restriction support scale:** tell SPSS to take the MEAN of the 4 questions that make up this scale. Name this new variable “RSscale”. This “mean” becomes everyone’s score on the restriction support scale. Do not include “validate” in the calculation of this mean!

**Social concern scale**: tell SPSS to take the MEAN of the 9 questions that make up this scale and the question “Gun violence is a serious problem in the United States”. Call this new variable “SCscale”. This “mean” becomes everyone’s score on the social concern scale.

Lab lectures 1 and 2 run through examples of how to create a new variable in SPSS by finding the mean of existing variables in the data set.