

Horror Film Scale

Read the following questions and select the answer that corresponds with your perception of horror films. Do not be concerned if some of the items appear similar. Please use the scale below to rate the degree to which each statement applies to you.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

- _____ 1. I don't enjoy getting involved in other people's worries or troubles shown in horror movies.
- _____ 2. I like horror movies because they allow me to become part of another world.
- _____ 3. Horror movies are too simplistic or unrealistic for me to enjoy.
- _____ 4. I enjoy feeling scared or jumping in response to horror movies.
- _____ 5. I don't like horror movies because I would rather feel safe than scared when watching a film.
- _____ 6. One reason I like horror movies is because I get a rush of adrenaline.
- _____ 7. I enjoy getting wrapped up in the lives of the characters in horror movies.
- _____ 8. Horror movies are too fake for me to enjoy.
- _____ 9. I find horror movies entertaining because they're fun.
- _____ 10. Horror movies are too dramatic for me to enjoy.
- _____ 11. I usually find horror movies too boring to be enjoyable.
- _____ 12. I like watching horror movies because I can relate to the feelings and emotions of the characters.
- _____ 13. I don't enjoy horror movies because I like to be entertained or stimulated when I watch a film.
- _____ 14. It feels good to scream or jump when watching a horror movie.
- _____ 15. I find horror movies silly rather than scary.

Based On:

Oliver, M. B. (1993). Exploring the paradox of the enjoyment of sad films. *Human Communication Research, 19*, 315-342.

Please rate the likelihood of watching each of the following horror film genres using the following scale:

Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Neutral	Likely	Very Likely
1	2	3	4	5

- _____ Animal Films (Jaws, Up from the Depths, etc.)
- _____ B-Horror Films (Attack of the Killer Tomatoes, The Body Snatcher, etc.)
- _____ Biological/Body Horror (The Thing, Hellraiser, etc.)
- _____ Comedy (Scream, Psycho Beach Party, etc.)
- _____ Evil Children (Children of the Corn, Alice, Sweet Alice, etc.)
- _____ Ghost Movies (The Haunting, The Amityville Horror, etc.)
- _____ Monster Movies (Dracula, Frankenstein, etc.)
- _____ Psychological (The Whicker Man, Cube, etc.)
- _____ Satanic/Demonic (The Omen, The Exorcist, etc.)
- _____ Science Fiction (Swamp Thing, Invasion of the Body Snatchers, etc.)
- _____ Slasher Films (Halloween, Friday the 13th, etc.)
- _____ Splatter Films (Psycho, Blood Feast, etc.)
- _____ Survival Horror (Resident Evil, Alone in the Dark, etc.)
- _____ Torture Porn (Hostel, Saw, etc.)
- _____ Zombie Movies (Night of the Living Dead, 28 Days Later, etc.)