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Gender Differences on Self-Estimates of Multiple Intelligences: A Comparison Between Indian and Lebanese Youth

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ABSTRACT A sample of 648 Lebanese and 252 Indian students estimated their multiple intelligences based on Gardner's conceptualization. Males rated the body kinesthetic component higher than females while females estimated their verbal and intra-personal intelligence higher than males. Differences appeared between Indian and Lebanese samples on the cognitive components, namely, verbal, spatial and logical abilities. Using the educational level of the parent as a covariate, significant differences were found between the Indian and Lebanese sample on verbal, spatial, and logical abilities. Interaction effects of gender and nationality were observed on the logical component. While Lebanese males rated the logical component higher than the Lebanese females, Indian females rated the logical component higher than their male counterparts but lower than the male and female Lebanese students.