

# Gender Differences in Temperament: A Meta-Analysis

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The authors used meta-analytical techniques to estimate the magnitude of gender differences in mean level and variability of 35 dimensions and 3 factors of temperament in children ages 3 months to 13 years. Effortful control showed a large difference favoring girls and the dimensions within that factor (e.g., inhibitory control:  $d = -0.41$ , perceptual sensitivity:  $d = -0.38$ ) showed moderate gender differences favoring girls, consistent with boys' greater incidence of externalizing disorders. Surgency showed a difference favoring boys, as did some of the dimensions within that factor (e.g., activity:  $d = 0.33$ , high-intensity pleasure:  $d = 0.30$ ), consistent with boys' greater involvement in active rough-and-tumble play. Negative affectivity showed negligible gender differences.

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The question of gender differences in temperament is arguably one of the most fundamental questions in gender differences research in the areas of personality and social behavior. Temperament reflects biologically based emotional and behavioral consistencies that appear early in life and predict—often in conjunction with other factors—patterns and outcomes in numerous other domains such as psychopathology and personality. Modern child temperament theories have espoused various views about potential gender differences in temperament, but the testing of these views has been inconclusive. Thus, the current study provides a quantitative review of the existing research on gender and temperament.

## What Is Temperament?

In reviewing the literature on temperament, a primary challenge lies in adopting a widely acceptable definition of the broad construct of temperament or of any of its component dimensions. The history of the study of temperament and personality reveals several themes across various definitions, including a biological or constitutional basis, emphasis on longitudinal stability and cross-situational consistency, association with clinical risk, and multidimensional or multicategory nature (for an extensive review of the history of temperament research, see Strelau, 1998). Many modern scientific approaches to temperament are rooted in Allport's

(1961) personality theory, which emphasized individual differences in emotion:

Temperament refers to the characteristic phenomena of an individual's nature, including his susceptibility to emotional stimulation, his customary strength and speed of response, the quality of his prevailing mood, and all the peculiarities of fluctuation and intensity of mood, these being phenomena regarded as dependent on constitutional make-up, and therefore largely hereditary in origin. (p. 34)

Various modern temperament theories are grounded in clinical practice, psychometric approaches to individual differences, behavior-genetic findings, and psychophysiology (Campos, Barrett, Lamb, Goldsmith, & Sternberg, 1983). Despite the apparent variability in their origins and methodological approaches, the theories have common tenets (Goldsmith et al., 1987; Goldsmith & Rieser-Danner, 1986; Rothbart, Ahadi, & Evans, 2000; Shiner & Caspi, 2003). Most posit that temperament comprises several dimensions of behavior, conceptualized as individual differences appearing in infancy. Although methodological differences may obscure the commonalities, these dimensions typically include activity, emotionality or emotional intensity, and approach or withdrawal. The theories typically assert that these dimensions are relatively stable across age, forming the basis for later personality. Theorists disagree, however, on the exact nature and number of these dimensions. Some emphasize emotional and regulatory behaviors, whereas others emphasize the link to personality. Most agree that temperamental traits have biological substrates and are heritable; there is also agreement that temperamental expression is influenced by environmental or contextual factors. Yet, opinions regarding the specific roles of biological and environmental factors are diverse.

Although our goal is not to provide an exhaustive review of modern approaches to childhood temperament, we outline below the three major theoretical and measurement traditions in the literature. While other theoretical and measurement approaches to temperament exist, particularly some of European origin, these three have generated most of the research that allows an examination of gender differences.

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*Behavioral Style: The Approach of Thomas and Chess (1977, 1980)*

Contemporary American temperament research emerged with Thomas and Chess's (1977, 1980) landmark New York Longitudinal Study monographs (NYLS; see also, Thomas, Chess, Birch, Hertzog, & Korn, 1963). Their work specified a nine-dimension model of temperament that conceptualized the *how*—rather than the *what* (i.e., ability and content) or *why* (i.e., motivation)—of behavior, known also as behavioral style. Nine temperament dimensions emerged from inductive content analysis of interviews with the parents of 22 children. The dimensions included activity level (i.e., motor activity), rhythmicity (i.e., predictability or regularity of behavior), approach or withdrawal (i.e., response to novelty), adaptability (i.e., response to alterations in environment), threshold of responsiveness (i.e., intensity of stimulation necessary to evoke a reaction), intensity of reaction (i.e., the energy level of a response), quality of mood (i.e., amount of pleasant or positive mood), distractibility (i.e., effectiveness of environmental stimulation in altering the child's direction of behavior), and attention span and persistence (i.e., length of time and maintenance of activity pursued by the child). In addition, Thomas and Chess (1977) emphasized an interactionist approach that was consistent with contemporary psychological theory, arguing, "Temperament is influenced by environmental factors in its expression and even in its nature as development proceeds" (p. 9). The NYLS also introduced the construct of difficult temperament, a cluster of behavioral styles that is difficult for a caregiver to manage and is reported to put children at risk for behavior problems. Thomas and Chess's methods categorized children as difficult, easy, or slow-to-warm-up. Bates (1980) expanded on the difficulty construct, which he conceptualized as comprising irregular biological functioning, poor adaptability, high emotionality, high fearfulness, and high frequency of fussing and crying.

Following in the Thomas and Chess tradition, other researchers developed validated measurement scales, including the Infant Temperament Questionnaire (Carey, 1970; Revised Infant Temperament Questionnaire, Carey & McDevitt, 1978), the Behavioral Style Questionnaire (McDevitt & Carey, 1978), the Infant Characteristics Questionnaire (Bates, Freeland, & Lounsbury, 1979), the Toddler Temperament Scale (Fullard, McDevitt, & Carey, 1984), the Middle Childhood Temperament Questionnaire (Hegvik, McDevitt, & Carey, 1982), the Temperament Assessment Battery (Presley & Martin, 1994), and the Dimensions of Temperament Survey (Lerner, Palermo, Spiro, & Nesselroade, 1982; Revised Dimensions of Temperament Survey, Windle & Lerner, 1986).

In spite of the ubiquitous presence of Thomas and Chess's (1977) model in past and present temperament research, the behavioral style approach has several limitations. Thomas and Chess described their approach as an attempt to distinguish the *how* or the stylistic components of behavior from the *why* or motivational aspects of behavior and the *what* or behavioral abilities. Yet, the approach has had limited success in methodologically distinguishing these components (Shiner & Caspi, 2003). In addition, factor analytic work suggests that a nine-dimensional model is not supported by the behavioral style measurement tools (Presley & Martin, 1994). Instead, a four-dimensional model—including irritable distress, social inhibition, activity, and attention—tends to

emerge from the research. The model also specifies that mood is a continuum from negative to positive, despite evidence that positive and negative mood are independent and distinct constructs (Rothbart, 1981). This approach reflects Thomas and Chess's lack of emphasis on the emotional components of temperament, which appear to be more substantial than the NYLS research indicated.

*The Criterial Approach of Buss and Plomin (1975)*

Buss and Plomin (1975) modified Thomas and Chess's model by framing temperament as a developmental precursor to adult personality. They described five inclusion criteria for temperamental traits, specifying that traits be heritable, relatively stable during childhood, retained into adulthood, evolutionarily adaptive, and present in our phylogenetic relatives. Four broad temperament traits or dimensions emerged from these criteria, including emotionality (i.e., intensity of emotion), activity (i.e., quantity of motor activity), sociability (i.e., closeness to others), and impulsivity (i.e., quickness vs. inhibition of response). These traits were measured in Buss and Plomin's (1975) Emotionality and Sociability Inventory and the Colorado Childhood Temperament Inventory (Rowe & Plomin, 1977), which also included the dimensions of attention span and persistence, reaction to food, and soothability.

Recent research is consistent with Buss and Plomin's proposal that temperament is the precursor to adult personality. Rothbart et al.'s (2000) factor analytic work on temperament and personality indicates moderate correlations between three temperament factors and three of the Big Five personality factors. Specifically, negative affectivity (including fear, discomfort, and frustration) is linked to Neuroticism, effortful control (including attention focusing and shifting) is linked to Conscientiousness, and surgency (including high-intensity pleasure, activity, and sociability) is linked to Extraversion.

*The Psychobiological Approach of Rothbart (1981)*

The third tradition purposefully includes motivation—the *why* of behavior—in the temperament construct. The psychobiological approach defines temperament as constitutionally based individual differences in reactivity and self-regulation (Rothbart & Derryberry, 1981). In this definition, *constitutional* refers to the relatively enduring biological makeup of the individual, although it is influenced over the life span by heredity, maturation, and experience, *reactivity* refers to excitability and responsivity, and *self-regulation* refers to the modulation of reactivity. This approach differs from the behavioral style approach in that *temperament* refers not to an isolated individual characteristic that is evident in all behaviors but rather to the context-specific expression of a disposition. Although this approach is psychobiological in conceptualization, most measurement associated with the approach involves questionnaires and behavioral observations rather than biological measures. Some of the dimensions assessed in the psychobiological approach include falling reactivity or soothability, fear or distress to novelty, high- and low-intensity pleasure (i.e., amount of pleasure derived from high- and low-intensity stimuli, respectively), attention focusing and (purposeful) shifting, and perceptual sensitivity (i.e., awareness of subtle changes in the environment).

This approach began with Rothbart's (1981) study of temperament in infants, from which her Infant Behavior Questionnaire (IBQ) was developed. Later, she developed the Child Behavior Questionnaire (CBQ; Rothbart, Ahadi, & Hershey, 1994). Using similar approaches, although with more emphasis on emotion, Goldsmith (1996) developed the Toddler Behavior Assessment Questionnaire to study temperament in toddlers.

### Dimensions in the Context of Factors

Although the three dominant theories have conceptual similarities, attempts to demonstrate convergence of the measures associated with them have had limited success. Goldsmith, Rieser-Danner, and Briggs (1991) analyzed the convergent validity of relevant temperament questionnaires and found that correlations even between measures of "congruent" traits from different questionnaires lay in the range of .40–.70. This modest evidence of convergent validity is not likely a simple reflection of the poor psychometric quality of the measurement tools. Rather, it probably reflects to an important degree the different boundaries of constructs in the different approaches (e.g., overlap among dimensions of distractibility, attention shifting, and soothability), the preference for narrower versus broader constructs (e.g., assessment of global negative mood vs. assessment of specific negative moods such as fear, anger, and sadness), as well as other similar issues. For the purpose of conducting a meta-analysis, developing a single comprehensive typology of temperament based on the existing research would be an ideal first step. Yet, such an effort would also yield several broad and imprecise constructs because of the methodological differences. Thus, we analyze dimensions within the three dominant methodological approaches individually but interpret them jointly. We believe this is the best approach to meta-analysis, given the state of the temperament literature.

This meta-analysis frames the many dimensions of temperament in three major factors: effortful control, negative affectivity, and surgency. A review by Shiner and Caspi (2003) proposed a temperament and personality typology that helps to bridge the temperament and personality literatures. They argued that there are four higher order personality constructs in children—extraversion, neuroticism, conscientiousness, and agreeableness—and that three of these (all but agreeableness) map onto major temperament factors. Similarly, factor analytic work by Ahadi et al. (1993) and Rothbart et al. (2000) supports a three-factor model of temperament that includes effortful control, negative affectivity, and surgency. Effortful control, which is linked to the Big Five personality trait of Conscientiousness, includes dimensions such as attention focusing and purposeful shifting, perceptual sensitivity, persistence, and inhibitory control. It partially reflects lower order personality traits such as attention, inhibitory control, and achievement motivation. Negative affectivity is linked to the Big Five trait of Neuroticism and includes dimensions such as emotionality, sadness, difficultness, and distress to limits. It partially reflects lower order personality traits such as anxious distress and irritable distress. Surgency is linked to the Big Five trait of Extraversion and includes dimensions such as activity, approach, sociability, and shyness (negatively loaded). It partially reflects lower order personality traits of social inhibition, sociability, dominance, and energy level. It is important to note that although there are links between childhood temperament and adult personality, these are

theoretically distinct constructs that have not generated an integrated literature for our review. The overlap between personality and temperament constructs is not sufficient to warrant collapsing them into one construct. Thus, it would be inappropriate to consider personality measures of, for instance, anxious distress to be simply another way to measure the temperament dimension of distress to novelty. Such an approach would likely do more to blur the boundaries between constructs than to create a comprehensive view of both literatures. Instead, the current study aims to better understand the body of literature that self-identifies as *temperament research*.

### Past Research on Gender Differences in Temperament and Behavior

Narrative reviews reveal little evidence for gender differences in temperament in infancy, with some exceptions (e.g., Bates, 1987; Maccoby & Jacklin, 1974; Rothbart, 1986). In their landmark work, Maccoby and Jacklin (1974) used a narrative review to describe the literature on gender differences in numerous behaviors and attributes. They found that boys are more emotionally volatile than girls and that girls' negative emotional responses decline more quickly with age. Regarding activity level, they found that boys tend to be more active than girls, and this difference emerges after the first birthday and increases with age. This claim was eventually substantiated in a meta-analysis of activity (Eaton & Enns, 1986), who estimated that the gender difference in activity was moderate in magnitude ( $d = 0.49$ ) and was associated with age such that the gender difference was smallest in infants ( $d = 0.29$ ) and greatest in older children ( $d = 0.64$ ). On the basis of Eaton and Enns's (1986) findings, we expected a similar pattern in the current review.

Smiling is often viewed as an indicator of positive affect (Rothbart, 1981). Gender differences in smiling behavior have been reported: Women smile more than men ( $d = 0.42$ ; Hall & Halberstadt, 1986). A more recent meta-analysis replicated this finding in adolescents and adults ( $d = 0.41$ ; LaFrance, Hecht, & Paluck, 2003). This gender difference appears to be situation specific, such that when men and women were both observed in caregiving roles, the gender difference was smaller in magnitude ( $d = 0.26$ ). If participants had a clear awareness that they were being observed, the gender difference was larger ( $d = 0.46$ ) than if they were not aware of being observed ( $d = 0.19$ ). The magnitude of the gender difference also depended on culture and age. It is interesting that the earlier meta-analysis concluded that the gender difference in smiling is absent in children, suggesting that the difference develops in adolescence (Hall & Halberstadt, 1986). Although smiling can be an ambiguous social display, it is frequently an indicator of positive affect. The well-documented gender difference in depression (Nolen-Hoeksema, 1990; Twenge & Nolen-Hoeksema, 2002) that emerges in adolescence also suggests that insofar as childhood temperament is linked to later depression, boys may show more positive affect and/or less negative affect than girls (L. A. Clark, Watson, & Mineka, 1994). Prior research suggests that we might find gender differences in smiling or positive mood in the current meta-analysis but that the differences will be evident only in older children.

### Moderator Variables

Gender differences or similarities in temperament may be accentuated or attenuated by moderating factors such as the age of the child, the source of the temperament assessment (e.g., mother or teacher report), cultural and socioeconomic contexts, and whether the children are drawn from a special population (e.g., children at risk for behavioral disorders).

#### *Age of Child*

Narrative reviews reveal little evidence for gender differences in temperament in infancy (e.g., Bates, 1987; Maccoby & Jacklin, 1974; Rothbart, 1986). One study indicated that in late adolescence, girls show more emotional reactivity than do boys (Bradley, Codispoti, Sabatinelli, & Lang, 2001). Maccoby and Jacklin (1974) noted that up to 18 months, boys and girls are rated similarly in emotional upsets and frustration reactions. After 18 months of age, however, boys show more negative emotional outbursts (Maccoby & Jacklin, 1974). A similar male increase is seen for activity level (Eaton & Enns, 1986).

The expression of temperament is subject to social and environmental influences. Socialization and maturation can influence the developmental pattern of temperament in boys and girls. Given the evidence for differential socialization of boys and girls (Lytton & Romney, 1991; Maccoby, Snow, & Jacklin, 1984) and social pressures to conform to gender roles, one might expect that gender differences in temperament would be largest in older children because older children will have been exposed to more cumulative socialization than younger children. Alternatively, because biological factors can exert their influence at any point in development (Turkewitz & Devenny, 1993), age-moderated gender differences are not necessarily due to socialization or environmental factors.

Temperament develops. Although temperament shows considerable temporal stability, its behavioral manifestation and the methods used to measure it must develop accordingly. For example, attention focusing is obviously greater for 7-year-olds than for 3-month-olds. Such developmental differences must be accounted for when designing measurement instruments, to account for both changing norms and changing behaviors. Moreover, there may be different developmental patterns of temperament for boys and girls. That is, gender differences may emerge or diminish over the course of temperament development. Differences may be minimal in infancy but increase through adolescence, or they may not emerge until children enter school and interact in peer groups. Thus, age of child was tested as a moderator of the magnitude of gender differences in temperament.

#### *Source of Temperament Assessment*

To assess temperament, observational or behavioral measures as well as parental, teacher, or self-reports of the child's behavior are used. Although some researchers (e.g., Seifer, 2003) argue that parental bias in reporting on child temperament is systematic, parents have an unrivaled amount of experience with their children and are potentially in the best position to report on temperament. Other researchers have added that the apparent validity problems with parental report can be due to methodological flaws, such as poorly written items or imperfect survey administration (Gold-

smith & Hewitt, 2003). In addition, parental reports of child behavior show only modest correlations with teacher reports (Achenbach, McConaughy, & Howell, 1987). For these reasons, parental reports of temperament have been consistently challenged but also consistently relied upon.

Because parents are the primary source of gender role socialization in early childhood (Maccoby & Jacklin, 1974), their perceptions of their children's behavior and temperament may be biased by their gender role stereotypes. Yet, stereotyping tends to affect judgment less as knowledge about others increases (Allport, 1954; Weber & Crocker, 1983), so parents may be less prone to stereotyping than are teachers. Teachers are more likely to see children interacting in same-gender peer groups, where gender differences tend to be magnified (Maccoby, 1990). The source of temperament assessment may moderate perceived gender differences in temperament such that parental reports may be less sex typed than teacher ratings. Thus, source of temperament rating—parent report versus teacher or child report or laboratory observation—was investigated as a possible moderator of gender differences in temperament in the current meta-analysis.

#### *Cultural and Socioeconomic Context*

As with age, the cultural and socioeconomic context in which children develop can shape the development of temperamental characteristics (Kohnstamm, 1989). Several cross-cultural studies have demonstrated temperament differences between children in Eastern and Western cultures (e.g., Ahadi et al., 1993; Windle, Iwawaki, & Lerner, 1988). The extent to which a culture values or accepts certain behaviors may drive the reinforcement and punishment of behaviors, especially in the case of gender role norms. Socioeconomic contexts may also affect the development of temperament via risk for negative or stressful events or socialization experiences. Thus, the cultural and socioeconomic contexts (e.g., collectivistic vs. individualistic cultures, extreme poverty) of a study's sample were coded as potential moderators of gender differences in temperament.

#### *Clinical or Community Samples*

Children who are a part of a clinical population—for example, those with chronic medical or psychiatric conditions—are likely to have more stressful and negative experiences than relatively healthy or typical children. In addition, biological factors related to temperament might be different in clinical populations. For these reasons, gender differences in temperament within clinical populations may be different from those in community samples. Thus, the nature of the sample (clinical or community) was coded as a moderator of gender differences in temperament.

### Mean Differences and Variability

Although meta-analysis typically estimates mean differences between two groups, the current study also estimated gender differences in variability. The "greater male variability" hypothesis has been suggested for gender differences in some behaviors (e.g., Feingold, 1992). Yet, some studies indicate that although girls experience greater negative affect than boys, they also experience greater positive affect and an overall greater emotional intensity



(Grossman & Wood, 1993). This may reflect greater variability in girls' emotional experiences. Thus, the "greater female variability" hypothesis also seems appropriate for some dimensions of temperament.

### Goals of the Current Study

Do boys and girls differ in the mean levels of their temperament traits? If so, what is the magnitude of these differences? What variables moderate these differences? Do boys and girls differ in their variability in temperament? We used meta-analytical techniques to answer these questions.

Our first goal was to determine the pooled mean effect size of gender differences in multiple dimensions of temperament. Next, the homogeneity of the effect sizes was computed to determine the need for moderator analyses. Moderator analyses were then conducted to determine whether gender differences in temperament were moderated by variables such as age of child or source of temperament information. Fourth, multiple regression analysis estimated the relative influence of the moderators. Finally, mean variance ratios between boys and girls on temperamental dimensions were computed to examine variability of temperament.

## Method

### Sample of Studies

Many databases are available for literature searches, including PsycINFO, Web of Science, and Medline. We chose to use PsycINFO because it fit the needs of the current study, insofar as it includes the most comprehensive coverage of psychological, psychiatric, and educational journals; unpublished dissertations; and edited books. Also, it allows users to limit the search to samples of specific age groups and humans. We conducted a computerized literature search of the term *temperament*, but we did not include the term *gender* because it would have biased the search toward studies that reported significant gender differences. We did not search for specific temperament traits because most of those terms are synonymous with other constructs that would not be appropriate for use in this study. For example, negative affect as a temperamental trait is not the same as negative affect as a mood state, although articles using either meaning would be found in a search for *negative affect*. In addition, because the goal of the current meta-analysis was to examine gender differences in the construct known in the psychological literature as *temperament*, only studies claiming to study temperament would be appropriate for use in this study. Search limits restricted the results to articles published in English between 1960 and 2002 and identified as empirical or longitudinal studies. The search was also limited to articles with human samples identified as neonatal, infancy, childhood, preschool age, or school age. The search resulted in 1,641 abstracts.

Abstracts were screened and included if they met the following criteria: (a) The study was empirical, (b) the sample included a total of 10 or more participants, (c) the study measured temperamental traits or dimensions, (d) the sample included both boys and girls, and (e) the participants in the sample were between the ages of 3 months and 13 years. Abstracts did not always provide information pertaining to these inclusion criteria. In such cases, the articles were included to be reviewed in the next stage of the study.

Upon screening of the 1,641 citations from the original search, 1,204 either met the aforementioned inclusion criteria or could not be excluded based on the content of the abstract. These articles were photocopied. Dissertations were ordered via interlibrary loan and reviewed at the receiving library. Following this second stage in the screening process, 260 articles provided relevant and potentially eligible information for coding.

*A typical study.* For readers unfamiliar with the research area, we provide sketches of two typical study designs. Kochanska, Murray, and Coy (1997) analyzed the role of inhibitory control in the development of conscience in children. Data came from a longitudinal study on conscience development, in which a largely rural Iowa sample of 83 children and their mothers were interviewed and observed. The children were assessed four times in early childhood. Measures included a temperament questionnaire, the CBQ (Rothbart et al., 1994), as well as observational assessments of the nontemperamental constructs of moral conduct, moral cognition, and moral self. In another study, Halpern and Garcia-Coll (2000) compared 39 full-term, small-for-gestational age infants and 30 full-term, average-for-gestational age infants on temperament at 4, 8, and 12 months of age. The infants were part of a longitudinal study of the developmental effects of a feeding intervention that took place during the first month of life. Mothers of the infants completed the Infant Characteristics Questionnaire (Bates et al., 1979) at each assessment.

### Coding the Studies

If articles were deemed eligible but did not provide adequate information for coding (e.g., statistics necessary for effect size computation were omitted) and were not more than 7 years old, we contacted the authors for the information through e-mail. E-mail addresses were obtained from the article itself, from the Web directory of the authors' academic institution, or from a Google search. We contacted first authors regarding 109 articles. Of those, 36 authors could not be reached, 44 did not respond to our requests, and 29 provided usable data. In addition, 3 authors provided data from unpublished studies.

Articles were excluded for the following reasons: (a) if adequate information for effect size computation or estimation was not provided and the study was older than 7 years, (b) if the articles or dissertations could not be obtained via interlibrary loan, (c) if the articles used measures or dimensions inconsistent with the three methodological approaches discussed earlier, and (d) if the studies sampled children on the basis of standing on temperamental traits (e.g., the article only studied children who were categorized as difficult).

To ensure independence of observations, we did not use any effect more than once in the aggregation of effect sizes; effects from longitudinal studies that reported data for one sample at multiple ages were included only once. For such studies, effects were chosen on the basis of their potential moderator variables to ensure adequate cases for moderator analysis. For example, if mother reports and teacher reports were both provided for a given sample and dimension, the teacher reports were used because they were less frequently available, and the mother reports were excluded.

In sum, we obtained data from 205 studies, from which 1,758 effect sizes were computed or estimated. Of those, 16 studies and 567 effect sizes were dropped because they reported results for dimensions and samples that had already been included. A total of 189 studies provided usable effect sizes included in the current meta-analysis. Of those, 136 were published studies, 48 were unpublished dissertations, and 5 were unpublished data sets provided by authors. See References for the list of studies used in the analyses. See Tables 1, 2, and 3 for a listing of all effect sizes and accompanying study information for the factors of effortful control, negative affectivity, and surgency, respectively.

For each study, we coded the following information: (a) all statistics regarding gender differences in temperament dimensions, including means, standard deviations, correlations, *t* tests, and *F* tests; (b) number of male and female participants; (c) mean age of participants, or median age if only range was reported; (d) temperament inventory or assessment used; (e) source of temperament information (e.g., mother, father, teacher, self, or lab observation); (f) population studied (e.g., community sample or special population); (g) socioeconomic status of sample (e.g., at least 85% lower, *(text continues on page 49)*

Table 1  
*Effect Sizes and Moderator Variable Codes for the Factor of Effortful Control, Grouped by Framework*

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style								
Anolik (1996)	Distractibility	-0.16	1.12	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Distractibility	-0.36	0.61	19	17	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Distractibility	-0.82	1.03	16	16	2	1	17
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Distractibility	-0.38	1.17	54	54	3	3	5
Barclay (1987)	Distractibility	0.21	0.96	23	23	3	3	14
Barclay (1987)	Distractibility	0.41	1.33	41	42	3	3	14
Bournaki (1997)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	51	3	1	11
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Distractibility	0.29	0.65	54	26	3	3	14
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Distractibility	-0.13	0.74	23	12	3	3	14
Carlson (1998)	Distractibility	0.09	1.27	128	105	1	1	10
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Erwin (2001)	Distractibility	0.41	1.4	31	32	3	1	13
Field et al. (1987)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Distractibility	0.16		161	148	1	1	17
Gibson et al. (2000)	Distractibility	0.41	0.96	31	30	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Distractibility	0.00	1.37	34	31	1	1	18
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Hayes et al. (2001)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Hollis (1995)	Distractibility	0.22	1.07	83	107	3	3	14
Houck (1999)	Distractibility	-0.04	0.8	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
Klein (1992)	Distractibility	0.78	1.03	30	25	4	5	5
Klein (1992)	Distractibility	0.00	1.06	41	35	3	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Distractibility	-0.33	0.76	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Distractibility	0.03	1.07	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Distractibility	-0.16	0.89	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
K. J. Miller (2002)	Distractibility	0.44	1.4	30	33	2	3	13
M. Miller (2000)	Distractibility	-0.12	1.04	105	109	2	1	14
Neu (1997)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Neu (1997)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	16	3	1	11
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Distractibility	0.63	1.12	186	150	3	3	16
Paguio & Hollet (1991)	Distractibility	-0.70	0.97	15	23	2	1	14
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Distractibility	-0.79	1.25	19	20	3	1	12
Porwancher (1991)	Distractibility	-0.20	2.25	60	59	2	1	12
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Distractibility	0.09	1.36	44	44	2	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Distractibility	0.07	1	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schoen & Nagle (1994)	Distractibility	0.44	1.15	61	91	2	3	14
Schoen (1990)	Distractibility	0.44	1.14	61	91	2	3	14
Schor (1985)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Sull (1995)	Distractibility	-0.28	1.11	38	51	2	1	1
Von Bargaen (1987)	Distractibility	-0.12		50	41	2	1	1
Weissbluth (1984)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	24	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Distractibility	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Yolton (1993)	Distractibility	0.26	0.64	20	18	2	4	17
Anolik (1996)	Persistence	-0.26	0.82	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Persistence	-0.10	0.5	16	16	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Persistence	-0.60	0.59	19	17	2	1	17
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Persistence	-0.30	1.31	54	54	3	3	5
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Persistence	0.32	1.72	54	54	3	3	5
Barclay (1987)	Persistence	-0.32	1.74	23	23	3	3	14
Barclay (1987)	Persistence	-0.41	1.86	41	42	3	3	14
Barron (1996)	Persistence	-0.26		19	19	2	1	5
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Persistence	0.01	0.6	23	12	3	3	14

Table 1 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Persistence	-0.25	1.32	54	26	3	3	14
Carlson (1998)	Persistence	-0.02	1	128	105	1	1	10
Coffman et al. (1992)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	21	2	1	9
Constantino et al. (2002)	Persistence	-0.26	0.92	111	130	2	3	18
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Doelling & Johnson (1990)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		27	24	3	5	5
Erwin (2001)	Persistence	-0.60	1.74	31	32	3	1	13
Field et al. (1987)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Persistence	-0.10		161	148	1	1	17
Gibson et al. (2000)	Persistence	0.06	1	34	30	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Persistence	0.17	1.45	31	30	1	1	18
Guerin & Gottfried (1994)	Persistence	0.33	0.79	64	59	2	1	9
K. B. Guerin (1995)	Persistence	-0.05	1.24	33	43	4	5	5
Gumora (2000)	Persistence	-0.24		52	51	4	5	5
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern & Garcia-Coll (2000)	Persistence	-0.18	0.33	14	16	1	1	9
Halpern & Garcia-Coll (2000)	Persistence	0.08	2.27	23	16	1	1	9
Hayes et al. (2001)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Hess & Atkins (1998)	Persistence	-0.56	1.16	239	231	3	3	16
Hollis (1995)	Persistence	-0.46	1.21	83	107	3	3	14
Houck (1999)	Persistence	-0.12	1.27	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
Klein (1992)	Persistence	0.43	0.69	30	25	4	5	5
Klein (1992)	Persistence	-0.16	1.21	41	35	3	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Laumakis (2001)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	14	3	1	14
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	33	1	1	16
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		31	27	1	1	16
Lewis (1999)	Persistence	-0.26		15	15	2	1	5
Liddell (1990)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		82	97	4	1	5
Luby et al. (1999)	Persistence	0.18		145	177	4	1	18
Martin & Bridger (1999)	Persistence	-0.33	1.03	575	575	2	3	14
Martin et al. (1997)	Persistence	0.05	1.06	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Persistence	-0.29	1.03	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Persistence	-0.06	1.03	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Persistence	-0.20	0.97	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
McClowry (1995)	Persistence	-0.16	0.83	221	214	3	1	13
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
Miceli (1998)	Persistence	-0.01	0.97	48	58	4	5	5
K. J. Miller (2002)	Persistence	-0.80	1.81	30	33	2	3	13
M. Miller (2000)	Persistence	-0.27	1.02	105	109	2	1	14
B. Nelson et al. (1999)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	39	3	1	14
J. A. Nelson & Simmerer (1984)	Persistence	-0.77		10	10	2	2	12
Neu (1997)	Persistence	1.31		10	16	3	1	11
Neu (1997)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Persistence	-0.47	1.5	186	150	3	3	16
Paguio & Hollet (1991)	Persistence	0.19	0.81	15	23	2	1	14
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Persistence	0.09	0.81	19	20	3	1	12
Porwancher (1991)	Persistence	0.00	0.51	60	59	2	1	12
Porwancher (1991)	Persistence	0.55	0.69	60	59	2	1	16
Pridham et al. (1994)	Persistence	0.08		59	58	1	1	18
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Persistence	0.10	1.37	44	44	2	1	17
Reed (1994)	Persistence	-0.16	1.03	32	22	3	1	5
Roth et al. (1984)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Persistence	0.05	1.03	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schoen & Nagle (1994)	Persistence	-0.24	1.02	61	91	2	3	14
Schoen (1990)	Persistence	-0.24	1.03	61	91	2	3	14
Schor (1983)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Sull (1995)	Persistence	0.30	0.93	38	51	2	1	1

Table 1 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Vitaro et al. (2002)	Persistence	-0.10	1	2408	2251	3	1	5
Von Bargen (1987)	Persistence	0.10		50	41	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Persistence	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Wills et al. (2000)	Persistence	0.06	0.81	410	484	4	5	5
Wills et al. (2001)	Persistence	0.28	0.93	922	952	4	5	5
Yolton (1993)	Persistence	0.25	0.59	20	18	2	4	17
Zahr & El-Haddad (1998)	Persistence	0.49		52	43	2	1	9
Criterial								
Deater-Deckard et al. (2001)	Attention	-0.11	1.36	88	114	2	1	3
Henderson et al. (2001)	Attention	-0.13	1.11	64	73	2	1	3
Lengua et al. (1999)	Attention	-0.28		111	112	3	5	6
Saudino et al. (1996)	Attention	-0.18	1	320	280	2	1	23
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Attention	-0.37	0.92	109	92	3	3	3
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Attention	-0.38	1.12	97	84	3	3	3
Van Hulle (2001)	Attention	-0.31	1.27	269	271	3	3	3
Yen & Ispa (2000)	Attention	-0.03	0.53	55	48	3	1	3
Psychobiological								
Ackland (2001)	Attention focusing	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	25	2	1	16
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Attention focusing	0.04	1	221	246	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Attention focusing	0.15	1.2	59	94	3	1	2
Auerbach et al. (2001)	Attention focusing	-0.01	0.88	30	31	1	1	8
Carter et al. (1999)	Attention focusing	-0.03	0.97	43	44	1	1	8
Clark et al. (1997)	Attention focusing	-0.11	1.06	256	262	1	1	8
Denham et al. (2001)	Attention focusing	0.01	1.37	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Attention focusing	-0.65	1.53	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Attention focusing	-0.43	1.13	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Attention focusing	-1.18	1.06	8	13	2	1	2
Eisenberg et al. (2000)	Attention focusing	-0.30	1.02	102	97	3	3	2
Eisenberg et al. (2000)	Attention focusing	-0.43	1.06	83	86	3	3	2
Enns (1989)	Attention focusing	0.24	1.29	45	46	1	1	8
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Attention focusing	-0.10	0.91	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Attention focusing	-0.31	1.78	69	65	3	1	2
Henderson et al. (2001)	Attention focusing	-0.16	0.48	69	71	1	1	8
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Attention focusing	0.05	1.37	56	56	1	2	8
Miller (2002)	Attention focusing	-0.30	1	30	33	2	1	2
Plunkett et al. (1989)	Attention focusing	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		42	29	2	1	8
Putnam (2003)	Attention focusing	0.08	1.52	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Attention focusing	-0.24	0.65	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Attention focusing	-0.24	1.19	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Attention focusing	-0.29	1.41	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Attention focusing	-0.29	0.91	30	29	3	1	2
Stifter (1988)	Attention focusing	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	33	1	1	8
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Attention focusing	-0.06	0.98	51	36	1	1	8
Susman et al. (2001)	Attention focusing	-0.54	0.56	27	32	2	1	2
Worobey (1998)	Attention focusing	0.02	0.93	40	40	1	1	8
Zahn-Waxler et al. (1996)	Attention focusing	-0.44	1.16	251	250	2	4	21
Zimmermann (1998)	Attention focusing	0.04	1.24	27	26	2	1	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Attention shifting	-0.24	1	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Attention shifting	-1.41	0.5	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Attention shifting	0.57	0.77	8	13	2	1	2
Eisenberg et al. (2000)	Attention shifting	-0.62	1.33	102	97	3	3	2
Eisenberg et al. (2000)	Attention shifting	-0.81	1.61	83	86	3	3	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Attention shifting	-0.08	0.97	155	165	2	1	7
Putnam (2003)	Attention shifting	-0.01	1.23	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Attention shifting	-0.34	0.94	30	29	3	1	2
Schwebel (2001)	Attention shifting	-0.42	0.76	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Attention shifting	-0.10	1.31	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Attention shifting	-0.33	0.98	51	49	2	3	2
Susman (2001)	Attention shifting	0.42	1.6	27	32	2	1	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Effortful control	-1.25	0.91	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Effortful control	-1.14	0.9	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (2000)	Effortful control	-1.01	0.62	8	13	2	1	2
Gunnar et al. (1997)	Effortful control	-1.45	2.1	14	12	2	1	2



Table 1 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Psychobiological (continued)								
Gunnar et al. (1997)	Effortful control	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		32	14	2	3	2
Lemery (2000)	Effortful control	-0.54	1.18	282	266	3	2	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Effortful control	-1.18	1.16	16	16	3	1	2
Ackland (2001)	Inhibitory control	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	25	2	1	16
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Inhibitory control	-0.67	0.93	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Inhibitory control	0.51	1.06	221	246	3	1	2
Clark et al. (1997)	Inhibitory control	0.04	0.9	238	251	2	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Inhibitory control	0.04	0.99	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Inhibitory control	-0.83	1.19	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Inhibitory control	-0.81	0.85	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Inhibitory control	-0.77	0.98	8	13	2	1	2
Donzella et al. (2000)	Inhibitory control	-1.18	1.75	35	26	2	3	2
Eisenberg et al. (2000)	Inhibitory control	-0.87	1.88	83	86	3	3	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Inhibitory control	-0.15	0.88	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Inhibitory control	-0.24	1.14	69	65	3	1	2
Kochanska et al. (1996)	Inhibitory control	-0.40	1.08	52	51	2	1	2
Kochanska et al. (1997)	Inhibitory control	-0.53	1.94	44	39	2	1	2
Miller (2002)	Inhibitory control	-0.59	0.85	30	33	2	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Inhibitory control	-0.25	3.29	16	16	3	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Inhibitory control	-0.35	1.49	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Inhibitory control	-0.14	1.13	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Inhibitory control	-1.09	1.68	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel & Bounds (2003)	Inhibitory control	-0.44	0.58	34	30	2	1	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Inhibitory control	-0.63	1.43	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Inhibitory control	-0.54	1.34	30	29	3	1	2
Susman et al. (2001)	Inhibitory control	-0.06	0.82	27	32	2	1	2
Goldsmith (1996)	Interest	0.22		506	506	2	1	16
Henderson et al. (2001)	Interest	-0.08	0.64	69	70	2	1	16
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Interest	0.10	1.97	53	53	2	1	16
Rundman (2001)	Interest	0.47	0.55	46	42	2	1	16
Steir & Lehman (2000)	Interest	-0.28	1.89	24	26	2	1	16
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Interest	-0.19	0.93	44	30	2	1	16
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.58	1.73	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Low intensity pleasure	0.64	1.07	221	246	3	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.04	0.97	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.73	1.76	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.32	0.73	6	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.21	1.25	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.53	1.22	69	65	3	1	2
Miller (2002)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.62	0.76	30	33	2	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.06	1	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.30	0.59	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.61	3.84	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.61	1.43	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.34	0.84	30	29	3	1	2
Susman et al. (2001)	Low intensity pleasure	-0.07	0.81	27	32	2	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Perceptual sensitivity	0.36	1.23	221	246	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.77	1.37	59	94	3	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Perceptual sensitivity	0.04	0.85	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.83	1.61	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.45	1.43	6	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.16	0.83	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.43	1.54	69	65	3	1	2
Miller (2002)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.83	1.88	30	33	2	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.45	0.88	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.52	0.59	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.43	1.15	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.40	1.34	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.43	1.4	30	29	3	1	2
Susman et al. (2001)	Perceptual sensitivity	-0.43	0.67	27	32	2	1	2

Note. *d* = uncorrected effect size; subscript a = estimated effect size; VR = untransformed variance ratio; NM = *n* males; NF = *n* females; Age: 1 = infant (3–12 months), 2 = toddler and preschool (13–60 months), 3 = school age (61–156 months); Source: 1 = mother report, 2 = father report, 3 = teacher report, 4 = lab observation, 5 = self report; Measure: 1 = Behavioral Style Questionnaire; 2 = Child Behavior Questionnaire; 3 = Colorado Childhood Temperament Inventory; 4 = Child Temperament Questionnaire; 5 = Dimensions of Temperament Survey; 6 = Emotionality, Activity, Sociability, Impulsivity; 7 = Early Childhood Behavior Questionnaire; 8 = Infant Behavior Questionnaire; 9 = Infant Characteristics Questionnaire; 10 = Infant Temperament Questionnaire; 11 = Middle Childhood Temperament Questionnaire; 12 = Parent Temperament Questionnaire; 13 = School-Age Temperament Inventory (McClowry, 1995); 14 = Temperament Assessment Battery; 15 = Toddler Behavior Assessment Questionnaire; 16 = Toddler Temperament Questionnaire; 17 = Toddler Temperament Scale; 18 = Other.

Table 2  
*Effect Sizes and Moderator Variable Codes for the Factor of Negative Affectivity, Grouped by Framework*

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style								
Anolik (1996)	Adaptability	0.11	0.86	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Adaptability	-0.26	0.37	16	16	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Adaptability	-0.19	1.38	19	17	2	1	17
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Adaptability	-0.19	1.03	54	54	3	3	5
Barclay (1987)	Adaptability	-0.18	0.90	23	23	3	3	14
Barclay (1987)	Adaptability	-0.69	1.97	41	42	3	3	14
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Adaptability	-0.25	0.91	23	12	3	3	14
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Adaptability	-0.18	1.85	54	26	3	3	14
Carlson (1998)	Adaptability	0.06	0.89	128	105	1	1	10
Coffman et al. (1992)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	21	2	1	9
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Doelling & Johnson (1990)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		27	24	3	5	5
Fagan (1989)	Adaptability	-0.37	1.09	20	64	3	3	14
Field et al. (1987)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Adaptability	-0.06		161	148	1	1	17
Gennaro et al. (1990)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		45	55	1	1	9
D. W. Guerin & Gottfried (1994)	Adaptability	0.27	0.79	64	59	2	1	9
K. B. Guerin (1995)	Adaptability	-0.26	1.64	33	43	4	5	5
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern et al. (1994)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	8	1	1	9
Halpern, Garcia Coll, et al. (2001)	Adaptability	0.58		39	33	1	1	9
Hayes et al. (2001)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Hollis (1995)	Adaptability	-0.17	1.07	83	107	3	3	14
Houck (1999)	Adaptability	-0.02	0.81	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
H. A. Klein (1992)	Adaptability	-0.17	0.85	30	25	4	5	5
H. A. Klein (1992)	Adaptability	-0.20	1.68	41	35	3	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Laumakis (2001)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	14	3	1	14
Liddell (1990)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		82	97	4	1	5
Martin et al. (1997)	Adaptability	-0.24	1.30	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Adaptability	-0.24	0.93	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Adaptability	-0.08	1.00	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Adaptability	0.00	0.92	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
K. J. Miller (2002)	Adaptability	-0.97	1.94	30	33	2	3	13
M. Miller (2000)	Adaptability	0.38	0.67	105	109	2	1	14
Nelson et al. (1999)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	39	3	1	14
Nelson & Simmerer (1984)	Adaptability	-0.65		10	10	2	2	12
Neu (1997)	Adaptability	0.52		54	30	3	1	1
Neu (1997)	Adaptability	1.19		10	16	3	1	11
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		186	150	3	3	16
Paguio & Hollet (1991)	Adaptability	-0.64	1.34	15	23	2	1	14
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Adaptability	-0.17	0.41	19	20	3	1	12
Pridham et al. (1994)	Adaptability	0.00		59	58	1	1	18
Pridham et al. (1994)	Adaptability	0.02		59	58	1	1	18
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Adaptability	0.22	1.82	44	44	2	1	17
Reed (1994)	Adaptability	0.35	0.97	32	22	3	1	5
Roth et al. (1984)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Adaptability	-0.03	1.00	1276	1164	1	1	10
Scher & Mayseless (2000)	Adaptability	0.15	1.59	42	52	1	1	9
Schoen (1990)	Adaptability	-0.03	1.04	61	91	2	3	14
Schoen & Nagle (1994)	Adaptability	-0.03	1.04	61	91	2	3	14
Schor (1983)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Simons (1983)	Adaptability	0.51	0.80	22	18	1	1	10

Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Sull (1995)	Adaptability	0.05	0.80	38	51	2	1	1
Von Bargen (1987)	Adaptability	-0.06		50	41	2	1	1
Weissbluth (1984)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	24	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Adaptability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Yolton (1993)	Adaptability	-0.05	1.43	20	18	2	4	17
Zahr & El-Haddad (1998)	Adaptability	0.54		52	43	2	1	9
Berziganian & Cohen (1992)	Difficult	0.30	1.17	410	410	4	1	18
Berziganian & Cohen (1992)	Difficult	0.30	1.25	410	410	2	1	18
Berziganian & Cohen (1992)	Difficult	0.19	1.25	410	410	3	1	18
Coffman et al. (1992)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	21	2	1	9
Constantino et al. (2002)	Difficult	0.64	1.25	111	130	2	3	18
DiLalla (1998)	Difficult	-0.20		64	60	3	1	1
Fagot & Gauvain (1997)	Difficult	0.15	0.72	47	46	2	1	17
Fagot & Leve (1998)	Difficult	-0.18		82	74	2	4	18
Farver & Branstetter (1994)	Difficult	0.39		26	26	2	1	1
Fish (1998)	Difficult	-0.08	0.90	50	44	1	1	9
Frodi (1983)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	21	1	1	10
Gauvain & Fagot (1995)	Difficult	-0.45	0.67	11	15	2	1	17
Gennaro et al. (1990)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		45	55	1	1	9
Gibbins (2001)	Difficult	0.05	1.02	131	105	2	3	9
Gibson et al. (2000)	Difficult	-0.23	0.76	34	31	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Difficult	-0.05	1.08	31	30	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Difficult	-0.07	1.29	34	31	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Difficult	0.03	1.97	31	30	1	1	18
D. W. Guerin & Gottfried (1994)	Difficult	0.03	1.00	64	59	2	1	9
Halpern et al. (1994)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	8	1	1	9
Halpern, Garcia Coll, et al. (2001)	Difficult	0.61		39	33	1	1	9
Hannan & Luster (1991)	Difficult	0.20		302	300	2	1	18
Hildebrandt & Cannan (1985)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	19	2	1	10
Houck (1999)	Difficult	0.15	0.88	41	84	1	1	10
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	33	1	1	16
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		31	27	1	1	16
Luby et al. (1999)	Difficult	0.58		145	177	4	1	18
Martin et al. (1997)	Difficult	0.05	1.03	1001	995	1	1	10
McKim et al. (1999)	Difficult	-0.20		101	88	2	1	9
Myers (1998)	Difficult	-0.14	0.95	132	71	4	1	5
O'Callaghan (1999)	Difficult	0.28		33	22	3	1	1
Scher & Mayseless (2000)	Difficult	0.10	1.10	44	52	1	1	9
Vaughn et al. (1987)	Difficult	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		52	48	1	1	10
Williams (1992)	Difficult	-0.07	1.05	19	19	1	1	10
Wills & Stoolmiller (2002)	Difficult	-0.04		850	850	4	3	5
Zahr & El-Haddad (1998)	Difficult	0.65		52	43	2	1	9
Anolik (1996)	Intensity	-0.14	0.97	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Intensity	-0.08	1.30	19	17	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Intensity	0.02	2.80	16	16	2	1	17
Barclay (1987)	Intensity	0.39	0.93	23	23	3	3	14
Barclay (1987)	Intensity	0.68	1.37	41	42	3	3	14
Bournaki (1997)	Intensity	-0.47	1.27	43	51	3	1	11
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Intensity	0.04	0.76	23	12	3	3	14
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Intensity	0.19	1.52	54	26	3	3	14
Carlson (1998)	Intensity	0.03	0.93	128	105	1	1	10
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Fagan (1989)	Intensity	0.29	0.78	20	64	3	3	14
Field et al. (1987)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fitzpatrick (2001)	Intensity	0.02		34	32	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Intensity	0.04		161	148	1	1	17
Garner & Power (1996)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		44	38	2	1	1
Garner & Spears (2000)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		46	44	2	1	1
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern & Garcia-Coll (2000)	Intensity	0.03	1.38	23	16	1	1	9
Halpern & Garcia-Coll (2000)	Intensity	-0.64	1.69	14	16	1	1	9
Halpern, Garcia Coll, et al. (2001)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		39	33	1	1	9
Hayes et al. (2001)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17

Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Hollis (1995)	Intensity	0.23	1.64	83	107	3	3	14
Houck (1999)	Intensity	0.10	1.04	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
Korner et al. (1985)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Martin & Bridger (1999)	Intensity	0.30	1.19	575	575	2	3	14
Martin et al. (1997)	Intensity	0.03	1.00	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Intensity	0.10	1.03	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Intensity	0.04	1.08	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Intensity	0.09	1.00	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
Miller (2000)	Intensity	-0.14	1.09	105	109	2	1	14
Miller (2002)	Intensity	-0.13	1.19	30	33	2	3	13
B. Nelson et al. (1999)	Intensity	0.57	1.49	36	39	3	1	14
J. A. Nelson & Simmerer (1984)	Intensity	-0.02		10	10	2	2	12
Neu (1997)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Neu (1997)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	16	3	1	11
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Intensity	0.59	1.14	186	150	3	3	16
Paguio & Hollet (1991)	Intensity	-0.06	1.81	15	23	2	1	14
Pellegrini & Bartini (2000)	Intensity	0.42	1.00	77	61	4	3	14
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Intensity	0.47	1.15	19	20	3	1	12
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Intensity	-0.27	0.97	44	44	2	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Intensity	-0.06	1.03	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schoen (1990)	Intensity	0.55	1.27	61	91	2	3	14
Schoen & Nagle (1994)	Intensity	0.51	0.81	61	91	2	3	14
Schor (1983)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Simons (1983)	Intensity	0.19	0.53	22	18	1	1	10
Sull (1995)	Intensity	-0.50	0.92	38	51	2	1	1
Von Bargaen (1987)	Intensity	-0.24		50	41	2	1	1
Weissbluth (1984)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	24	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Intensity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Yolton (1993)	Intensity	-0.30	2.42	20	18	2	4	17
Anolik (1996)	Rhythmicity	-0.15	1.39	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Rhythmicity	-0.19	0.73	19	17	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Rhythmicity	-0.06	1.08	16	16	2	1	17
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Rhythmicity	1.48	1.66	54	54	3	3	5
Carlson (1998)	Rhythmicity	-0.13	0.92	128	105	1	1	10
Davison et al. (1986)	Rhythmicity	0.26	1.38	13	13	3	1	18
Davison et al. (1986)	Rhythmicity	-0.48	2.77	13	13	3	1	18
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Doelling & Johnson (1990)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		27	24	3	5	5
Field et al. (1987)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Rhythmicity	-0.45		161	148	1	1	17
Gennaro et al. (1990)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		45	55	1	1	9
Gibson et al. (2000)	Rhythmicity	-0.16	0.46	31	30	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Rhythmicity	-0.16	0.66	34	31	1	1	18
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern et al. (1994)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	8	1	1	9
Halpern, Garcia Coll, et al. (2001)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		39	33	1	1	9
Hayes et al. (2001)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Houck (1999)	Rhythmicity	-0.04	1.40	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
H. A. Klein (1992)	Rhythmicity	0.00	0.89	30	25	4	5	5
H. A. Klein (1992)	Rhythmicity	0.00	1.09	41	35	3	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Liddell (1990)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		82	97	4	1	5



Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Martin et al. (1997)	Rhythmicity	0.09	1.05	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Rhythmicity	-0.03	0.95	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Rhythmicity	0.03	1.05	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Rhythmicity	0.09	1.03	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
Mednick et al. (1996)	Rhythmicity	0.24		485	487	3	1	5
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Neu (1997)	Rhythmicity	0.77		10	16	3	1	11
Neu (1997)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Rhythmicity	-0.08	1.00	19	20	3	1	12
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Rhythmicity	0.03	1.22	44	44	2	1	17
Reed (1994)	Rhythmicity	0.09	0.83	32	22	3	1	5
Roth et al. (1984)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Rhythmicity	-0.01	0.95	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schor (1983)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Rhythmicity	0.53	1.50	58	21	3	1	1
Simons (1983)	Rhythmicity	0.04	0.10	22	18	1	1	10
Sull (1995)	Rhythmicity	-0.38	0.85	38	51	2	1	1
Vitaro et al. (2002)	Rhythmicity	0.10	0.69	2408	2251	3	1	5
Von Bargen (1987)	Rhythmicity	-0.12		50	41	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Rhythmicity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Yolton (1993)	Rhythmicity	0.47	1.78	20	18	2	4	17
Zahr & El-Haddad (1998)	Rhythmicity	0.26		52	43	2	1	9
Anolik (1996)	Threshold	-0.22	1.04	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Threshold	-0.23	0.31	16	16	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Threshold	0.17	1.38	19	17	2	1	17
Bournaki (1997)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	51	3	1	11
Carlson (1998)	Threshold	-0.26	1.19	128	105	1	1	10
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Field et al. (1987)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Threshold	-0.18		161	148	1	1	17
Gibson et al. (2000)	Threshold	0.19	1.11	31	30	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Threshold	0.04	1.55	34	31	1	1	18
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern, Garcia Coll, et al. (2001)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		39	33	1	1	9
Hayes et al. (2001)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Houck (1999)	Threshold	-0.03	1.13	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
Korner et al. (1985)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Martin et al. (1997)	Threshold	-0.29	1.18	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Threshold	0.01	0.97	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Threshold	-0.04	1.25	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Threshold	0.24	1.19	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
Miller (2002)	Threshold	-0.02	0.79	30	33	2	3	13
Neu (1997)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Neu (1997)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	16	3	1	11
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		186	150	3	3	16
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Threshold	0.20	2.85	19	20	3	1	12
Porwancher (1991)	Threshold	0.10	0.91	60	59	2	1	16
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Threshold	-0.49	1.10	44	44	2	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Threshold	-0.05	0.94	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schor (1983)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1

Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Sull (1995)	Threshold	-0.53	0.67	38	51	2	1	1
Vitaro et al. (2002)	Threshold	0.03	1.00	2408	2251	3	1	5
Von Bargen (1987)	Threshold	0.12		50	41	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Threshold	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Yolton (1993)	Threshold	-0.15	1.10	20	18	2	4	17
Criterial								
Adessky (1997)	Emotionality	-0.07	0.69	137	108	3	1	6
Boer & Westenberg (1994)	Emotionality	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		122	107	3	2	6
Braungart-Rieker et al. (1998)	Emotionality	0.00		49	45	1	4	23
Carpey (1990)	Emotionality	0.18	0.77	60	58	2	1	6
Deater-Deckard et al. (2001)	Emotionality	-0.25	1.02	88	114	2	1	3
Dollberg (1995)	Emotionality	0.00		84	98	2	1	6
Gasman et al. (2002)	Emotionality	0.17	1.04	107	84	3	3	6
Grunau et al. (1994)	Emotionality	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		98	97	2	1	6
Hagekull & Bohlin (1998)	Emotionality	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		63	60	2	1	3
Henderson et al. (2001)	Emotionality	-0.13	0.69	64	73	2	1	3
Hobson-Underwood (1989)	Emotionality	-0.30	1.35	46	50	3	5	6
Krenn (1997)	Emotionality	0.06	0.74	95	92	2	3	6
Lengua et al. (1999)	Emotionality	0.16		111	112	3	5	6
Lengua et al. (2000)	Emotionality	0.22		115	116	3	1	6
Mathiesen & Tambs (1999)	Emotionality	-0.05	1.00	449	471	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Emotionality	0.30	1.00	25	27	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Emotionality	-0.17	1.05	44	36	2	1	6
Pilkington (1989)	Emotionality	0.11	0.86	76	72	3	2	6
Pilkington (1989)	Emotionality	0.11	0.92	71	81	3	2	6
Pilkington (1989)	Emotionality	0.19	1.08	89	72	2	2	6
Pitkin (1993)	Emotionality	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		147	120	2	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Emotionality	0.39	0.62	22	21	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Emotionality	-0.14	0.96	19	23	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Emotionality	-0.13	0.96	18	20	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Emotionality	-0.57	1.41	19	20	3	1	6
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Emotionality	0.19	1.21	104	92	3	3	3
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Emotionality	0.24	1.28	97	84	3	3	3
Schmitz et al. (1999)	Emotionality	0.03	1.00	352	322	2	1	3
Schwarz (2002)	Emotionality	0.00		144	182	3	3	6
Simpson & Stevenson-Hinde (1985)	Emotionality	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		24	17	2	1	19
Simpson & Stevenson-Hinde (1985)	Emotionality	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	21	2	1	19
Sullivan (1995)	Emotionality	-0.24	0.79	52	58	2	1	6
Van Hulle (2001)	Emotionality	0.08	1.03	269	271	3	3	3
Von Bargen (1987)	Emotionality	-0.41		50	41	2	1	6
Wills et al. (2001)	Emotionality	-0.12	0.87	922	952	3	5	6
Psychobiological								
Ackland (2001)	Anger & Frustration	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	25	2	1	16
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Anger & Frustration	0.13	0.50	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Anger & Frustration	0.00	0.97	221	246	3	1	2
Clark et al. (1997)	Anger & Frustration	-0.01	1.07	238	251	2	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Anger & Frustration	-0.20	1.15	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Anger & Frustration	0.18	0.62	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Anger & Frustration	0.19	1.54	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Anger & Frustration	0.00	2.31	8	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Anger & Frustration	0.00	0.87	155	165	2	1	7
Goldsmith (1996)	Anger & Frustration	-0.04		506	506	2	1	16
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Anger & Frustration	-0.25	1.19	69	65	3	1	2
Henderson et al. (2001)	Anger & Frustration	0.07	0.69	69	70	2	1	16
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Anger & Frustration	0.14	1.18	52	52	2	2	16
K. J. Miller (2002)	Anger & Frustration	0.69	0.72	30	33	2	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Anger & Frustration	0.15	0.72	57	57	2	1	7
Rundman (2001)	Anger & Frustration	-0.06	1.02	46	42	2	1	16
Schwebel (2001)	Anger & Frustration	-0.18	0.86	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Anger & Frustration	0.61	0.71	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Anger & Frustration	0.30	1.04	30	29	3	1	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Anger & Frustration	0.40	0.83	51	49	2	3	2
Steir & Lehman (2000)	Anger & Frustration	-0.21	0.94	24	26	2	1	16

Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Psychobiological (continued)								
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Anger & Frustration	-0.04	0.51	44	30	2	1	16
Susman (2001)	Anger & Frustration	-0.25	0.64	27	32	2	1	2
Wulfsohn (2000)	Anger & Frustration	0.02		44	56	2	1	16
Zimmermann (1998)	Anger & Frustration	0.35	0.91	27	26	2	1	2
Bohlin (2001)	Difficult	0.92		26	17	2	1	2
Lamb et al. (1988)	Difficult	-0.42	0.23	27	27	2	1	8
Lamb et al. (1988)	Difficult	-0.19	2.16	27	26	2	1	8
Lamb et al. (1988)	Difficult	0.14	2.53	16	17	2	1	8
Lamb et al. (1990)	Difficult	0.04	0.92	41	43	2	1	8
Sears (1999)	Difficult	-0.22		58	53	2	1	2
Zahn-Waxler et al. (1996)	Difficult	0.12	0.83	251	250	2	4	21
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Discomfort	0.04	0.71	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Discomfort	0.31	1.00	221	246	3	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Discomfort	-0.14	0.80	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Discomfort	0.01	1.11	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Discomfort	-0.20	0.94	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Discomfort	-0.30	1.65	8	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Discomfort	-0.22	1.00	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Discomfort	-0.65	1.14	69	65	3	1	2
K. J. Miller (2002)	Discomfort	0.15	2.14	30	33	2	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Discomfort	-0.12	0.95	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Discomfort	-0.47	1.14	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Discomfort	-0.36	1.14	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Discomfort	-0.37	0.64	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Discomfort	-0.23	1.00	30	29	3	1	2
Susman et al. (2001)	Discomfort	-0.36	1.01	27	32	2	1	2
Auerbach et al. (2001)	Distress to Limits	0.01	0.60	30	31	1	1	8
Carter et al. (1999)	Distress to Limits	0.17	0.83	43	44	1	1	8
Clark et al. (1997)	Distress to Limits	-0.04	1.22	256	262	1	1	8
Enns (1989)	Distress to Limits	-0.07	0.95	45	46	1	1	8
Fish & Stifter (1993)	Distress to Limits	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		45	42	1	1	8
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Distress to Limits	0.33	0.48	11	21	1	1	8
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Distress to Limits	-0.17	0.92	8	15	1	1	8
Henderson et al. (2001)	Distress to Limits	0.57	0.83	69	71	1	1	8
Ispa et al. (2002)	Distress to Limits	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		45	37	3	1	8
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Distress to Limits	-0.02	1.32	56	56	1	2	8
Leve et al. (2001)	Distress to Limits	-0.19	0.73	32	28	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Distress to Limits	-0.04	0.55	20	20	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Distress to Limits	0.01	0.70	20	19	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (2000)	Distress to Limits	0.21	0.70	58	43	1	1	8
Plunkett et al. (1989)	Distress to Limits	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		42	29	2	1	8
Rothbart (1986)	Distress to Limits	-0.25	0.95	23	23	1	4	19
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Distress to Limits	0.07	0.58	51	36	1	1	8
Stifter (1988)	Distress to Limits	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	33	1	1	8
Worobey (1998)	Distress to Limits	0.00	0.78	40	40	1	1	8
Zahn-Waxler et al. (1996)	Distress to Limits	-0.27	1.03	251	250	2	4	21
Ackland (2001)	Fear	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	25	2	1	16
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Fear	-0.22	0.62	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Fear	0.14	0.94	221	246	3	1	2
Auerbach et al. (2001)	Fear	-0.18	1.56	30	31	1	1	8
Carter et al. (1999)	Fear	-0.01	1.06	43	44	1	1	8
Clark et al. (1997)	Fear	0.03	1.09	256	262	1	1	8
Colder et al. (2002)	Fear	-0.15	1.04	278	239	1	1	8
Denham et al. (2001)	Fear	0.03	0.97	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Fear	0.29	1.09	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Fear	0.15	0.64	6	13	2	1	2
Enns (1989)	Fear	-0.56	0.59	45	46	1	1	8
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Fear	-0.42	0.83	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Fear	-0.22	1.62	69	65	3	1	2
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Fear	-0.16	0.64	11	21	1	1	8
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Fear	-0.80	0.82	8	15	1	1	8
Henderson et al. (2001)	Fear	-0.02	0.73	69	71	1	1	8
Ispa et al. (2002)	Fear	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		45	37	3	1	8
Kochanska (1998)	Fear	-0.50	0.85	56	56	2	1	8
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Fear	-0.34	1.12	56	56	1	2	8
Leve et al. (2001)	Fear	-0.01	2.25	32	28	1	1	8
Miller (2002)	Fear	0.22	1.40	30	33	2	1	2
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Fear	0.42	0.53	20	19	1	1	8

Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Psychobiological (continued)								
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Fear	-0.07	2.02	20	20	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (2000)	Fear	0.03	0.89	58	43	1	1	8
Plunkett et al. (1989)	Fear	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		42	29	2	1	8
Putnam (2003)	Fear	-0.24	0.84	57	57	2	1	7
Rothbart (1986)	Fear	-0.42	0.69	23	23	1	4	19
Rundman (2001)	Fear	-0.01	1.08	46	42	2	1	16
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Fear	0.46	0.84	30	29	3	1	2
Schwebel (2001)	Fear	-0.33	0.93	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Fear	-0.08	1.21	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Fear	-0.26	1.00	51	49	2	3	2
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Fear	-0.16	1.39	51	36	1	1	8
Stifter (1988)	Fear	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	33	1	1	8
Susman et al. (2001)	Fear	0.09	0.60	27	32	2	1	2
Worobey (1998)	Fear	-0.19	0.88	40	40	1	1	8
Wulfsohn (2000)	Fear	-0.35		44	56	2	1	16
Zahn-Waxler et al. (1996)	Fear	-0.14	0.63	251	250	2	4	21
Dettling et al. (1999)	Negative affectivity	0.01	0.70	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Negative affectivity	0.02	1.90	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Negative affectivity	0.31	2.29	8	13	2	1	2
Donzella et al. (2000)	Negative affectivity	-0.32	0.93	35	26	2	3	2
Gunnar et al. (1997)	Negative affectivity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		14	12	2	1	2
Gunnar et al. (1997)	Negative affectivity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		32	14	2	3	2
Lemery (2000)	Negative affectivity	-0.06	0.82	282	266	3	2	2
Goldsmith (1996)	Pleasure	-0.30		506	506	2	1	16
Henderson et al. (2001)	Pleasure	-0.03	0.74	69	70	2	1	16
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Pleasure	-0.03	1.10	53	53	2	1	16
Rundman (2001)	Pleasure	0.20	1.37	46	42	2	1	16
Steir & Lehman (2000)	Pleasure	-0.12	1.66	24	26	2	1	16
Wulfsohn (2000)	Pleasure	0.04		44	56	2	1	16
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Sadness	-0.33	0.52	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Sadness	0.31	1.24	221	246	3	1	2
Clark et al. (1997)	Sadness	-0.12	1.23	238	251	2	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Sadness	-0.48	1.08	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Sadness	-0.17	0.86	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Sadness	-0.50	2.30	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Sadness	0.74	1.73	8	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Sadness	-0.02	1.35	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Sadness	-0.47	1.25	69	65	3	1	2
Miller (2002)	Sadness	0.40	1.49	30	33	2	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Sadness	-0.10	1.93	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Sadness	-0.35	0.91	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Sadness	0.08	1.15	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Sadness	-0.11	0.91	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Sadness	0.00	1.03	30	29	3	1	2
Susman et al. (2001)	Sadness	-0.04	1.27	27	32	2	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Soothability	0.00	0.55	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Soothability	-0.12	1.04	221	246	3	1	2
Auerbach et al. (2001)	Soothability	-0.12	0.89	30	31	1	1	8
Carter et al. (1999)	Soothability	0.19	1.34	43	44	1	1	8
Clark et al. (1997)	Soothability	0.09	1.31	256	262	1	1	8
Crockenberg & Acredolo (1983)	Soothability	1.12		28	28	1	1	8
Denham et al. (2001)	Soothability	-0.09	0.80	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Soothability	-0.24	1.09	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Soothability	-0.06	1.56	6	13	2	1	2
Enns (1989)	Soothability	0.24	1.16	45	46	1	1	8
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Soothability	0.26	0.73	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Soothability	0.47	0.81	69	65	3	1	2
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Soothability	-0.18	1.10	11	21	1	1	8
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Soothability	0.16	1.15	8	15	1	1	8
Henderson et al. (2001)	Soothability	-0.07	0.73	68	71	1	1	8
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Soothability	0.04	1.16	56	56	1	2	8
Miller (2002)	Soothability	-0.21	1.07	30	33	2	1	2
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Soothability	-0.08	1.30	20	19	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Soothability	0.58	1.56	20	20	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (2000)	Soothability	-0.20	0.56	58	43	1	1	8
Plunkett et al. (1989)	Soothability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		42	29	2	1	8
Putnam (2003)	Soothability	-0.05	1.03	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Soothability	0.08	0.90	32	31	3	4	2



Table 2 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Psychobiological (continued)								
Schwebel (2003)	Soothability	-0.32	0.62	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Soothability	-0.23	0.96	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Soothability	-0.25	1.28	30	29	3	1	2
Stifter (1988)	Soothability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	33	1	1	8
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Soothability	0.07	1.41	51	36	1	1	8
Susman (2001)	Soothability	0.15	1.27	27	32	2	1	2
Worobey (1998)	Soothability	-0.03	0.34	40	40	1	1	8
Zimmermann (1998)	Soothability	0.34	0.27	27	26	2	1	2

*Note.* *d* = uncorrected effect size; subscript a = estimated effect size; VR = untransformed variance ratio; NM = *n* males; NF = *n* females; Age: 1 = infant (3–12 months), 2 = toddler and preschool (13–60 months), 3 = school age (61–156 months); Source: 1 = mother report, 2 = father report, 3 = teacher report, 4 = lab observation, 5 = self report; Measure: 1 = Behavioral Style Questionnaire; 2 = Child Behavior Questionnaire; 3 = Colorado Childhood Temperament Inventory; 4 = Child Temperament Questionnaire; 5 = Dimensions of Temperament Survey; 6 = Emotionality, Activity, Sociability, Impulsivity; 7 = Early Childhood Behavior Questionnaire; 8 = Infant Behavior Questionnaire; 9 = Infant Characteristics Questionnaire; 10 = Infant Temperament Questionnaire; 11 = Middle Childhood Temperament Questionnaire; 12 = Parent Temperament Questionnaire; 13 = School-Age Temperament Inventory (McClowry, 1995); 14 = Temperament Assessment Battery; 15 = Toddler Behavior Assessment Questionnaire; 16 = Toddler Temperament Questionnaire; 17 = Toddler Temperament Scale; 18 = Other.

working, or middle-upper class, or mixed/unspecified or unreported); (h) ethnicity of sample (e.g., at least 85% white, Hispanic, African American, Asian American, other, or mixed/unspecified or unreported); (i) nationality of sample (e.g., American/Canadian, European, Australian/New Zealander, Asian, African, Central/South American, or Middle Eastern); and (j) whether the sample was part of a longitudinal study that might be reported on in other articles.

We were able to compute pooled mean effect sizes for 38 dimensions. Across all dimensions, the current study analyzes *k* = 1191 effect sizes accounting for a total of *n* = 236,102 temperament ratings. See Table 4 for a listing of number of effect sizes and individual assessments by dimension.

*Interrater agreement.* Nicole M. Else-Quest coded all articles, and an undergraduate research assistant double-coded 75% of them. We obtained 95% interrater agreement on study eligibility. The interrater agreement on other variables (including sample size, source of temperament, sample type, socioeconomic status, and ethnicity) was in the range of  $\kappa = .65-.93$  (88%–100%). Discrepancies were resolved by discussion after a review of the article.

### Statistical Analyses

*Mean difference effect sizes.* Formulae for the effect size, *d*, and homogeneity tests were taken from Hedges and Becker (1986). We computed the effect size *d* by subtracting the mean score for girls from the mean score for boys, divided by the within-groups standard deviation. Means and standard deviations were available for 797 (66.9%) of the 1,191 effects.

For 88 (7.4%) of the effects, Pearson correlations between gender and the temperament dimension were provided. These were converted to *d* according to the formula provided by Cohen (1988):

$$d = 2r / \sqrt{1 - r^2}$$

When articles were missing statistical information necessary for computation of effect sizes, we contacted first authors for further information. If authors did not respond with data, and those articles reported that gender differences in temperament were nonsignificant, we estimated *d* to be 0. This was the case for 306 (25.7%) of the effects. These conservative estimated effect sizes are included in secondary meta-analyses in the current study. There were no cases in which gender differences were reported statistically significant without accompanying test statistics or descriptive statistics allowing for effect size computation.

Positive values of *d* represent higher scores for boys than girls, whereas negative values represent higher scores for girls. Cohen (1988) provided guidelines for the interpretation of effect sizes. Effect sizes of *d* = 0.20, 0.50, and 0.80 are considered small, medium, and large, respectively. Computed and estimated effect sizes are shown in Tables 1, 2, and 3, along with corresponding study information. For the estimation of population effect sizes, all effect sizes were corrected for bias, using the formula provided by Hedges and Becker (1986).

*Variance ratios.* Variance ratios (VR) were computed by dividing the male variance by the female variance, such that a VR greater than 1 corresponds to greater male variability, whereas a VR less than 1 corresponds to greater female variability. For the purposes of aggregating the VR for the current meta-analysis, a base-10 log transform was performed on each VR (Hedges & Friedman, 1993; see Katzman & Alliger, 1992, for a discussion of transforming VR in meta-analysis). Of the 1,191 usable effects, 796 (66.8%) VR were calculated. Untransformed VR are presented in Tables 1, 2, and 3 with corresponding study information.

*Random-effects model.* Traditionally, meta-analyses have been based on fixed-effects models, which consider effect size parameters to be fixed but unknown constants (Hedges & Vevea, 1998). These constants are estimated in conjunction with assumptions about the homogeneity of effect sizes. However, fixed-effects models can only make conditional inferences about the sample of effect sizes used, while random-effects models can make unconditional inferences about the population. The random-effects model considers effect size parameters to be randomly sampled effect parameters and estimates the corresponding hyperparameters based on this population. In addition, when a sample of effect sizes is significantly heterogeneous, random-effects models are appropriate. For these reasons, we conducted the current meta-analysis using the random-effects model, with the formulae provided by Hedges and Vevea (1998).

### Results

For reasons provided in the Introduction, we analyzed major temperament dimensions within each of the three approaches. As a rubric to organize our presentation, we use the broad factors, identified by Shiner and Caspi (2003), of effortful control, negative affectivity, and surgency.

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Table 3  
*Effect Sizes and Moderator Variable Codes for the Factor of Surgency, Grouped by Framework*

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style								
Anolik (1996)	Activity	0.11	0.78	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Activity	0.04	0.84	16	16	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Activity	-0.18	8.70	19	17	2	1	17
Arcus & Kagan (1995)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		239	223	1	4	18
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Activity	0.70	1.06	54	54	3	3	5
Barclay (1987)	Activity	0.72	1.67	23	23	3	3	14
Barclay (1987)	Activity	1.14	2.16	41	42	3	3	14
Barron (1996)	Activity	0.18		19	19	2	1	5
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Activity	0.09	0.89	23	12	3	1	14
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Activity	0.39	1.46	54	26	3	3	14
Carlson (1998)	Activity	-0.03	1.00	128	105	1	1	10
Davison et al. (1986)	Activity	-0.03	0.75	13	13	3	1	18
Davison et al. (1986)	Activity	0.05	1.91	13	13	3	1	18
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Doelling & Johnson (1990)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		27	24	3	5	5
Erwin (2001)	Activity	1.38	2.09	31	32	3	1	13
Fagot & O'Brien (1994)	Activity	0.26	1.00	24	25	3	1	9
Field et al. (1987)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Activity	0.39		161	148	1	1	17
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern & Garcia-Coll (2000)	Activity	0.10	1.14	23	16	1	1	9
Halpern & Garcia-Coll (2000)	Activity	-0.38	1.66	14	16	1	1	9
Hayes et al. (2001)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Hollis (1995)	Activity	0.78	1.36	83	107	3	3	14
Houck (1999)	Activity	0.19	1.55	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
H. A. Klein (1992)	Activity	-0.15	0.82	41	35	3	5	5
H. A. Klein (1992)	Activity	0.00	1.00	30	25	4	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Laumakis (2001)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	14	3	1	14
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	33	1	1	16
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		31	27	1	1	16
Lewis (1999)	Activity	0.18		15	15	2	1	5
Liddell (1990)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		82	97	4	1	5
Martin & Bridger (1999)	Activity	0.50	0.98	575	575	2	3	14
Martin et al. (1997)	Activity	0.26	0.93	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Activity	0.13	0.85	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Activity	0.10	1.10	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Activity	0.38	1.23	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
McClowry (1995)	Activity	0.42	1.14	221	214	3	1	13
Mednick et al. (1996)	Activity	0.35		485	487	3	1	5
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
Miceli (1998)	Activity	0.40	1.19	48	58	4	5	5
K. J. Miller (2002)	Activity	0.18	1.74	30	33	2	3	13
M. Miller (2000)	Activity	-0.06	0.63	105	109	2	1	14
Nelson et al. (1999)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	39	3	1	14
Nelson & Simmerer (1984)	Activity	1.22		10	10	2	2	12
Neu (1997)	Activity	0.75		54	30	3	1	1
Neu (1997)	Activity	1.04		10	16	3	1	11
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Activity	0.94	2.35	186	150	3	3	16
Paguio & Hollet (1991)	Activity	0.50	1.45	15	23	2	1	14
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Activity	0.70	1.37	19	20	3	1	12
Porwancher (1991)	Activity	0.36	1.44	60	59	2	1	12
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Activity	0.16	1.00	44	44	2	1	17
Reed (1994)	Activity	0.10	1.22	32	22	3	1	5
Roth et al. (1984)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16

Table 3 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Activity	0.05	1.03	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schoen & Nagle (1994)	Activity	0.98	1.99	61	91	2	3	14
Schoen (1990)	Activity	0.98	2.01	61	91	2	3	14
Schor (1983)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Sull (1995)	Activity	0.56	0.80	38	51	2	1	1
Vitaro et al. (2002)	Activity	-0.02	1.00	2408	2251	3	1	5
Von Bargaen (1987)	Activity	-0.16		50	41	2	1	1
Weissbluth (1984)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	24	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Wills et al. (2000)	Activity	0.11	0.91	410	484	4	5	5
Wills et al. (2001)	Activity	0.12	1.00	922	952	4	5	5
Yolton (1993)	Activity	0.33	1.84	20	18	2	4	17
Anolik (1996)	Approach	-0.14	0.90	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Approach	-0.52	0.56	16	16	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Approach	-0.21	0.59	19	17	2	1	17
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Approach	0.15	0.77	54	54	3	3	5
Barclay (1987)	Approach	0.20	0.68	23	23	3	3	14
Barclay (1987)	Approach	-0.14	0.70	41	42	3	3	14
Barron (1996)	Approach	0.08		19	19	2	1	5
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Approach	-0.11	0.94	23	12	3	3	14
Cardell & Parmar (1988)	Approach	0.60	1.09	54	26	3	3	14
Carlson (1998)	Approach	0.04	0.93	128	105	1	1	10
Davison et al. (1986)	Approach	0.70	0.13	13	13	3	1	18
Davison et al. (1986)	Approach	-0.31	2.26	13	13	3	1	18
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Doelling & Johnson (1990)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		27	24	3	5	5
Fagan (1989)	Approach	-0.40	0.84	20	64	3	3	14
Field et al. (1987)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Approach	-0.58		161	148	1	1	17
Gibson et al. (2000)	Approach	-0.30	1.07	34	31	1	1	18
Gibson et al. (2000)	Approach	-0.09	1.55	31	30	1	1	18
K. B. Guerin (1995)	Approach	-0.36	2.07	33	43	4	5	5
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern et al. (1994)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	8	1	4	18
Hayes et al. (2001)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Hess & Atkins (1998)	Approach	-0.51	1.16	239	231	3	3	16
Hollis (1995)	Approach	0.02	1.12	83	107	3	3	14
Houck (1999)	Approach	0.08	1.14	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
H. A. Klein (1992)	Approach	0.00	0.73	30	25	4	5	5
H. A. Klein (1992)	Approach	0.00	1.09	41	35	3	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Lewis (1999)	Approach	0.08		15	15	2	1	5
Liddell (1990)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		82	97	4	1	5
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Approach	-0.41	0.86	176	159	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Approach	-0.16	1.17	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Côté, et al. (1984)	Approach	-0.11	0.91	318	321	3	1	12
McClowry (1989)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
McClowry (1995)	Approach	-0.46	1.12	221	214	3	1	13
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
K. J. Miller (2002)	Approach	-0.62	1.04	30	33	2	3	13
M. Miller (2000)	Approach	0.36	0.70	105	109	2	1	14
Nelson & Simmerer (1984)	Approach	0.20		10	10	2	2	12
Neu (1997)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Neu (1997)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	16	3	1	11
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		186	150	3	3	16
Paguio & Hollet (1991)	Approach	-0.14	0.90	15	23	2	1	14
Parritz (1996)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		18	18	1	1	17
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Approach	0.14	0.86	19	20	3	1	12

Table 3 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Approach	-0.18	1.16	44	44	2	1	17
Reed (1994)	Approach	0.16	1.42	32	22	3	1	5
Roth et al. (1984)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Approach	-0.16	0.81	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schoen (1990)	Approach	0.13	0.68	61	91	2	3	14
Schoen & Nagle (1994)	Approach	0.13	0.69	61	91	2	3	14
Schor (1983)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Simons (1983)	Approach	0.11	0.71	22	18	1	1	10
Sull (1995)	Approach	0.08	0.52	38	51	2	1	1
Vitaro et al. (2002)	Approach	0.00	1.00	2408	2251	3	1	5
Von Bargen (1987)	Approach	-0.16		50	41	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Approach	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Yolton (1993)	Approach	-0.49	0.96	20	18	2	4	17
Anolik (1996)	Mood	-0.07	1.27	126	127	1	1	1
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Mood	-0.05	0.52	16	16	2	1	17
Arbiter et al. (1999)	Mood	-0.06	1.52	19	17	2	1	17
Arcus & Kagan (1995)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		239	223	1	4	18
Arcus & Kagan (1995)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		239	223	1	4	18
Ballantine & Klein (1990)	Mood	0.07	0.82	54	54	3	3	5
Carlson (1998)	Mood	0.04	0.91	128	105	1	1	10
Davison et al. (1986)	Mood	-0.06	0.35	13	13	3	1	18
Davison et al. (1986)	Mood	-0.25	0.76	13	13	3	1	18
DeVries & Sameroff (1984)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		93	85	1	1	10
DiBiase (1991)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		25	18	1	1	10
Dixon & Smith (2000)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		22	20	2	1	17
Doelling & Johnson (1990)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		27	24	3	5	5
Field et al. (1987)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	13	1	1	10
Fullard et al. (1984)	Mood	-0.24		161	148	1	1	17
K. B. Guerin (1995)	Mood	-0.65	2.19	33	43	4	5	5
Gumora (2000)	Mood	-0.24		52	51	4	5	5
Gunn & Berry (1985)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		21	16	2	1	17
Halpern et al. (1994)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		13	8	1	4	18
Hayes et al. (2001)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		34	33	2	3	1
Healy (1987)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	40	2	1	17
Hess & Atkins (1998)	Mood	-0.32	1.23	239	231	3	3	16
Hess & Atkins (1998)	Mood	0.32	1.56	239	231	3	3	16
Houck (1999)	Mood	-0.01	1.54	41	84	1	1	10
Houldin (1988)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		16	24	2	1	16
H. A. Klein (1992)	Mood	0.34	0.71	30	25	4	5	5
H. A. Klein (1992)	Mood	-0.57	1.78	41	35	3	5	5
Korner et al. (1985)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		23	27	3	1	1
Laumakis (2001)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		10	14	3	1	14
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	33	1	1	16
Lehtonen et al. (1994)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		31	27	1	1	16
Lengua et al. (2000)	Mood	-0.58		115	116	4	1	5
Liddell (1990)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		82	97	4	1	5
Martin et al. (1997)	Mood	-0.04	1.13	599	496	3	1	12
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Mood	-0.03	1.09	357	362	1	1	10
Maziade, Boudreault, et al. (1984)	Mood	-0.23	1.12	176	159	1	1	10
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McClowry (1989)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		43	33	3	1	11
McClowry (1995)	Mood	0.09	0.86	221	214	3	1	13
Melhuish et al. (1991)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		115	115	1	1	10
Mevarech (1985)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		94	97	3	3	16
Miceli (1998)	Mood	-0.35	1.21	48	58	4	5	5
Miceli (1998)	Mood	0.50	1.49	48	58	4	5	5
Nelson & Simmerer (1984)	Mood	0.20		10	10	2	2	12
Neu (1997)	Mood	0.77		10	16	3	1	11
Neu (1997)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		54	30	3	1	1
Ottaviano et al. (1993)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		193	207	3	1	18
Ottaviano et al. (1997)	Mood	0.41	1.54	186	150	3	3	16
Pierrehumbert et al. (2000)	Mood	-0.40	1.22	19	20	3	1	12



Table 3 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Behavioral style (continued)								
Puentes-Neuman (2000)	Mood	-0.23	1.40	44	44	2	1	17
Reed (1994)	Mood	0.20	0.65	32	22	3	1	5
Roth et al. (1984)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	30	1	1	17
Roth et al. (1984)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		20	20	1	1	17
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		19	16	2	1	16
Sadeh et al. (1994)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		37	26	2	1	16
Sanson et al. (1985)	Mood	0.01	0.97	1276	1164	1	1	10
Schor (1983)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		12	13	2	1	1
Schor (1985)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		58	21	3	1	1
Simons (1983)	Mood	0.27	1.14	22	18	1	1	10
Sull (1995)	Mood	-0.46	0.74	38	51	2	1	1
Von Bargen (1987)	Mood	-0.41		50	41	2	1	1
Weissbluth (1984)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	24	2	1	1
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1987)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		79	79	3	1	11
Wertlieb et al. (1988)	Mood	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		73	67	3	1	11
Wills et al. (2000)	Mood	-0.06	0.98	410	484	4	5	5
Wills et al. (2001)	Mood	-0.13	1.06	922	952	4	5	5
Yolton (1993)	Mood	-0.42	1.06	20	18	2	4	17
Criterial								
Adessky (1997)	Activity	0.00	1.00	137	108	3	1	6
Boer & Westenberg (1994)	Activity	0.40	1.29	122	107	3	2	6
Carpey (1990)	Activity	-0.42	0.89	60	58	2	1	6
Deater-Deckard et al. (2001)	Activity	0.36	1.12	88	114	2	1	3
Gasman et al. (2002)	Activity	0.39	1.53	107	84	3	3	6
Grunau et al. (1994)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		98	97	2	1	6
Hagekull & Bohlin (1998)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		63	60	2	1	3
Henderson et al. (2001)	Activity	0.47	1.21	64	73	2	1	3
Hobson-Underwood (1989)	Activity	-0.02	1.82	46	50	3	5	6
Krenn (1997)	Activity	0.24	1.33	95	92	2	3	6
Mathiesen & Tambs (1999)	Activity	0.13	1.00	449	471	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Activity	0.13	1.31	25	27	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Activity	0.41	1.36	44	36	2	1	6
Pilkington (1989)	Activity	0.17	0.99	71	81	3	2	6
Pilkington (1989)	Activity	-0.17	1.07	77	73	3	2	6
Pilkington (1989)	Activity	0.08	1.67	89	72	2	2	6
Pitkin (1993)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		147	120	2	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Activity	0.49	0.53	22	21	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Activity	0.76	0.54	18	20	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Activity	-0.22	1.35	19	23	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Activity	0.07	1.65	19	20	3	1	6
Raikkonen et al. (2000)	Activity	0.21	0.81	214	225	3	1	6
Ravaja et al. (2001)	Activity	0.14	1.07	218	233	2	1	6
Saudino et al. (1996)	Activity	0.14	1.15	320	280	2	1	23
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Activity	0.27	0.88	105	92	3	3	3
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Activity	0.33	0.88	98	81	3	3	3
Schwarz (2002)	Activity	0.00		144	182	3	3	6
Simpson & Stevenson-Hinde (1985)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		24	17	2	1	19
Simpson & Stevenson-Hinde (1985)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	21	2	1	19
Sullivan (1995)	Activity	0.00	1.00	52	58	2	1	6
Van Hulle (2001)	Activity	0.15	0.93	269	271	3	3	3
Von Bargen (1987)	Activity	-0.18		50	41	2	1	6
Yen & Ispa (2000)	Activity	-0.11	1.08	55	48	3	1	3
Adessky (1997)	Shyness	-0.39	13.56	137	108	3	1	6
Boer & Westenberg (1994)	Shyness	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		122	107	3	2	6
Carpey (1990)	Shyness	0.18	0.94	60	58	2	1	6
Deater-Deckard et al. (2001)	Shyness	-0.39	0.74	88	114	2	1	3
Gasman et al. (2002)	Shyness	-0.17	1.16	107	84	3	3	6
Grunau et al. (1994)	Shyness	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		98	97	2	1	6
Hagekull & Bohlin (1998)	Shyness	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		63	60	2	1	3
Henderson et al. (2001)	Shyness	0.25	1.68	64	73	2	1	3
Hobson-Underwood (1989)	Shyness	-0.35	1.04	46	50	3	5	6
Kemple et al. (1996)	Shyness	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		36	28	3	3	6
Krenn (1997)	Shyness	-0.11	0.87	95	92	2	3	6
Mathiesen & Tambs (1999)	Shyness	-0.22	1.00	449	471	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Shyness	0.25	0.60	25	27	2	1	6

Table 3 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Criterial (continued)								
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Shyness	-0.01	2.41	44	36	2	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Shyness	-0.45	0.76	18	20	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Shyness	-0.31	0.88	22	21	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Shyness	0.21	1.07	19	20	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Shyness	0.06	1.46	19	23	3	1	6
Rubin et al. (1999)	Shyness	0.10	0.50	24	34	2	2	3
Schmitz et al. (1999)	Shyness	-0.10	0.95	352	322	2	1	3
Schwarz (2002)	Shyness	0.00		144	182	3	3	6
Simpson & Stevenson-Hinde (1985)	Shyness	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		24	17	2	1	19
Simpson & Stevenson-Hinde (1985)	Shyness	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		26	21	2	1	19
Van Hulle (2001)	Shyness	-0.11	1.04	264	218	2	1	3
Von Bargen (1987)	Shyness	0.37		50	41	2	1	6
Adessky (1997)	Sociability	-0.10	1.06	137	108	3	1	6
Boer & Westenberg (1994)	Sociability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		122	107	3	2	6
Carpey (1990)	Sociability	-0.15	0.88	60	58	2	1	6
Deater-Deckard et al. (2001)	Sociability	0.06	1.10	88	114	2	1	3
Gasman et al. (2002)	Sociability	-0.06	1.00	107	84	3	3	6
Grunau et al. (1994)	Sociability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		98	97	2	1	6
Hagekull & Bohlin (1998)	Sociability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		63	60	2	1	3
Henderson et al. (2001)	Sociability	-0.01	1.13	64	73	2	1	3
Hobson-Underwood (1989)	Sociability	-0.02	0.89	46	50	3	5	6
Krenn (1997)	Sociability	-0.04	0.88	95	92	2	3	6
Mathiesen & Tambs (1999)	Sociability	0.06	1.00	449	471	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Sociability	0.00	1.36	25	27	2	1	6
Owens-Stively et al. (1997)	Sociability	0.03	2.38	44	36	2	1	6
Pilkington (1989)	Sociability	-0.16	0.75	72	82	3	2	6
Pilkington (1989)	Sociability	0.24	0.83	92	72	2	2	6
Pilkington (1989)	Sociability	-0.16	1.20	76	73	3	2	6
Pitkin (1993)	Sociability	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		147	120	2	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Sociability	0.47	0.63	22	21	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Sociability	0.42	0.73	18	20	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Sociability	-0.10	1.27	19	23	3	1	6
Pliner & Loewen (1997)	Sociability	-0.77	1.63	19	20	3	1	6
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Sociability	-0.09	0.62	86	69	3	3	3
Schmitz et al. (1996)	Sociability	-0.16	1.08	85	80	3	3	3
Schwarz (2002)	Sociability	0.00		144	182	3	3	6
Sullivan (1995)	Sociability	-0.36	1.44	52	58	2	1	6
Van Hulle (2001)	Sociability	0.12	0.77	269	271	3	3	3
Von Bargen (1987)	Sociability	-0.47		50	41	2	1	6
Wills et al. (2001)	Sociability	-0.18	1.21	922	952	3	5	6
Wills & Stoolmiller (2002)	Sociability	-0.14		850	850	3	5	6
Psychobiological								
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Activity	-0.55	1.02	221	246	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Activity	0.75	1.14	59	94	3	1	2
Auerbach et al. (2001)	Activity	-0.12	0.98	30	31	1	1	8
Carter et al. (1999)	Activity	0.41	0.84	43	44	1	1	8
Clark et al. (1997)	Activity	-0.06	0.97	256	262	1	1	8
Colder et al. (2002)	Activity	0.02	1.08	278	239	1	1	8
Denham et al. (2001)	Activity	-0.21	1.52	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Activity	0.64	0.65	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Activity	0.88	0.94	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Activity	0.55	0.94	8	13	2	1	2
Enns (1989)	Activity	-0.29	0.74	45	46	1	1	8
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Activity	0.18	1.00	155	165	2	1	7
Goldsmith (1996)	Activity	0.16		506	506	2	1	16
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Activity	0.36	0.85	69	65	3	1	2
Henderson et al. (2001)	Activity	0.15	0.77	69	71	1	1	8
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Activity	-0.06	1.16	56	56	1	2	8
K. J. Miller (2002)	Activity	0.67	0.65	30	33	2	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Activity	0.66	1.28	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Activity	0.66	2.27	16	16	3	1	2
Plunkett et al. (1989)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		42	29	2	1	8
Putnam (2003)	Activity	0.37	0.87	57	57	2	1	7
Rothbart (1986)	Activity	0.13	0.79	23	23	1	4	19
Rundman (2001)	Activity	0.19	1.35	46	42	2	1	16
Saudino & Eaton (1995)	Activity	0.30		64	42	1	1	8

Table 3 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Psychobiological (continued)								
Schwebel (2001)	Activity	0.64	0.87	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Activity	0.76	0.46	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel & Bounds (2003)	Activity	0.27	0.84	34	30	2	1	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Activity	0.49	0.93	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Activity	0.36	1.54	30	29	3	1	2
Steir & Lehman (2000)	Activity	0.03	1.18	24	26	2	1	16
Stifter (1988)	Activity	0.00 <sub>a</sub>		30	33	1	1	8
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Activity	0.03	1.17	51	36	1	1	8
Susman (2001)	Activity	0.03	0.99	27	32	2	1	2
Worobey (1998)	Activity	0.13	1.12	40	40	1	1	8
Zahn-Waxler et al. (1996)	Activity	0.46	1.03	251	250	2	4	21
Zimmermann (1998)	Activity	0.20	1.11	27	26	2	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Approach	0.01	0.71	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Approach	-0.17	1.00	221	246	3	1	2
Clark et al. (1997)	Approach	0.00	0.76	238	251	2	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Approach	-0.16	1.34	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Approach	-0.04	1.35	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Approach	0.80	0.50	6	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Approach	-0.23	1.10	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Approach	-0.06	1.21	69	65	3	1	2
K. J. Miller (2002)	Approach	0.19	1.31	30	33	2	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Approach	0.24	1.32	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Approach	0.40	2.25	16	16	3	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Approach	0.20	1.18	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Approach	0.18	1.30	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Approach	0.04	1.23	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Approach	-0.07	0.65	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Approach	0.26	0.75	30	29	3	1	2
Susman (2001)	Approach	-0.15	0.92	27	32	2	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.19	0.94	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	High Intensity Pleasure	-0.48	1.10	221	246	3	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	High Intensity Pleasure	-0.29	1.09	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.62	1.22	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.44	0.98	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.58	1.08	8	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.22	0.96	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.41	1.40	69	65	3	1	2
K. J. Miller (2002)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.34	0.84	30	33	2	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.42	0.69	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.40	1.45	16	16	3	1	2
Putnam (2003)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.54	0.94	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.24	1.10	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.68	1.05	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel & Bounds (2003)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.13	0.81	34	30	2	1	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.45	1.02	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.25	1.15	30	29	3	1	2
Schwebel & Bounds (2003)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.07	0.38	34	30	2	1	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.38	1.02	30	29	3	1	2
Susman (2001)	High Intensity Pleasure	0.71	0.28	27	32	2	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Impulsivity	0.09	1.08	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Impulsivity	-0.35	1.10	221	246	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Impulsivity	0.58	0.72	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Impulsivity	0.58	0.67	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Impulsivity	0.27	1.23	8	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Impulsivity	-0.10	0.78	155	165	2	1	7
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Impulsivity	0.15	1.03	69	65	3	1	2
Kochanska et al. (1996)	Impulsivity	0.42	1.37	52	51	2	1	2
Lengua et al. (2000)	Impulsivity	0.43		115	116	3	1	2
K. J. Miller (2002)	Impulsivity	-0.07	0.93	30	33	2	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Impulsivity	0.27	1.00	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Impulsivity	0.80	1.32	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Impulsivity	0.12	1.43	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Impulsivity	-0.09	1.72	16	16	3	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Impulsivity	0.19	0.97	57	57	2	1	7
Schwebel (2001)	Impulsivity	0.04	1.63	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Impulsivity	0.74	0.73	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Impulsivity	0.28	0.73	51	49	2	3	2
Susman (2001)	Impulsivity	-0.07	0.58	27	32	2	1	2

Table 3 (continued)

Study	Dimension	<i>d</i>	VR	NM	NF	Age	Source	Scale
Psychobiological (continued)								
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Shyness	-0.07	0.93	59	94	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Shyness	0.14	1.09	221	246	3	1	2
Clark et al. (1997)	Shyness	-0.06	0.90	238	251	2	1	2
Denham et al. (2001)	Shyness	0.34	0.92	52	45	2	2	2
Dettling et al. (1999)	Shyness	0.06	0.78	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Shyness	-0.28	0.77	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Shyness	0.39	2.29	8	13	2	1	2
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Shyness	-0.29	1.21	155	165	2	1	7
Goldsmith (1996)	Shyness	0.06		506	506	2	1	16
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Shyness	-0.02	1.05	69	65	3	1	2
Henderson et al. (2001)	Shyness	0.14	1.15	70	63	2	1	16
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Shyness	0.08	1.13	53	53	2	1	16
K. J. Miller (2002)	Shyness	-0.16	1.11	30	33	2	1	2
Putnam (2003)	Shyness	-0.22	0.89	57	57	2	1	7
Rubin et al. (1999)	Shyness	-0.32	0.70	25	35	2	2	16
Schwebel (2001)	Shyness	-0.16	1.17	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Shyness	0.23	1.11	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Shyness	-0.23	1.20	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Shyness	-0.18	1.20	30	29	3	1	2
Steir & Lehman (2000)	Shyness	-0.30	0.60	24	26	2	1	16
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Shyness	-0.34	0.86	44	30	2	1	16
Susman (2001)	Shyness	-0.12	0.65	27	32	2	1	2
Zimmermann (1998)	Shyness	0.21	1.46	27	26	2	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Smiling	-0.25	1.13	221	246	3	1	2
Ahadi et al. (1993)	Smiling	-0.36	1.42	59	94	3	1	2
Auerbach et al. (2001)	Smiling	-0.27	0.64	30	31	1	1	8
Carter et al. (1999)	Smiling	0.18	1.05	43	44	1	1	8
Clark et al. (1997)	Smiling	0.10	0.85	256	262	1	1	8
Denham et al. (2001)	Smiling	-0.35	1.25	52	45	2	2	2
Enns (1989)	Smiling	0.42	0.61	45	46	1	1	8
Garstein & Rothbart (2003)	Smiling	-0.11	1.53	102	85	2	1	2
Gonzalez et al. (2001)	Smiling	0.16	0.94	69	65	3	1	2
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Smiling	-0.03	0.40	11	21	1	1	8
Halpern, Brand, & Malone (2001)	Smiling	0.45	0.59	8	15	1	1	8
Henderson et al. (2001)	Smiling	0.23	0.59	69	71	1	1	8
Kochanska et al. (1998)	Smiling	0.11	1.28	56	56	1	2	8
K. J. Miller (2002)	Smiling	0.37	0.73	30	33	2	1	2
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Smiling	-0.10	1.15	20	19	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (1999)	Smiling	0.35	1.83	20	20	1	1	8
Pauli-Pott et al. (2000)	Smiling	-0.15	0.94	58	43	1	1	8
Plunkett et al. (1989)	Smiling	0.00*		42	29	2	1	8
Rothbart (1986)	Smiling	-0.24	0.89	23	23	1	4	19
Schwebel (2001)	Smiling	0.52	0.33	32	31	3	4	2
Schwebel (2003)	Smiling	0.05	0.80	28	28	2	3	2
Schwebel et al. (1999)	Smiling	-0.35	0.79	51	49	2	3	2
Schwebel & Plumert (1999)	Smiling	0.31	0.77	30	29	3	1	2
Stifter (1988)	Smiling	0.00*		30	33	1	1	8
Stifter & Jain (1996)	Smiling	-0.12	1.64	51	36	1	1	8
Susman (2001)	Smiling	-0.23	0.47	27	32	2	1	2
Worobey (1998)	Smiling	0.18	0.74	40	40	1	1	8
Dettling et al. (1999)	Surgency	0.55	0.69	34	32	2	1	16
Dettling et al. (1999)	Surgency	0.75	0.62	31	22	3	1	2
Dettling et al. (2000)	Surgency	0.07	2.05	8	13	2	1	2
Donzella et al. (2000)	Surgency	1.00	1.77	35	26	2	3	2
Gunnar et al. (1997)	Surgency	0.98	0.70	32	14	2	3	2
Gunnar et al. (1997)	Surgency	0.00*		14	12	2	1	2
Lemery (2000)	Surgency	0.06	1.30	282	266	3	2	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Surgency	0.39	1.51	16	16	3	1	2
Plumert & Schwebel (1997)	Surgency	0.83	1.66	16	16	3	1	2

Note. *d* = uncorrected effect size; subscript a = estimated effect size; VR = untransformed variance ratio; NM = *n* males; NF = *n* females; Age: 1 = infant (3–12 months), 2 = toddler and preschool (13–60 months), 3 = school age (61–156 months); Source: 1 = mother report, 2 = father report, 3 = teacher report, 4 = lab observation, 5 = self report; Measure: 1 = Behavioral Style Questionnaire; 2 = Child Behavior Questionnaire; 3 = Colorado Childhood Temperament Inventory; 4 = Child Temperament Questionnaire; 5 = Dimensions of Temperament Survey; 6 = Emotionality, Activity, Sociability, Impulsivity; 7 = Early Childhood Behavior Questionnaire; 8 = Infant Behavior Questionnaire; 9 = Infant Characteristics Questionnaire; 10 = Infant Temperament Questionnaire; 11 = Middle Childhood Temperament Questionnaire; 12 = Parent Temperament Questionnaire; 13 = School-Age Temperament Inventory (McClowry, 1995); 14 = Temperament Assessment Battery; 15 = Toddler Behavior Assessment Questionnaire; 16 = Toddler Temperament Questionnaire; 17 = Toddler Temperament Scale; 18 = Other.

Table 4  
*Number of Computed and Estimated Effect sizes (k) and Total Number of Individuals Assessed (n) for All Dimensions, Grouped by Factor*

Approach	Dimension	k	n
Effortful control			
Behavioral style	Distractibility	56	9,745
	Persistence	87	22,430
Criterion	Attention span	9	2,187
Psychobiological	Attention focus	30	4,107
	Attention shifting	12	1,279
	Effortful control	7	792
	Inhibitory control	23	2,876
	Interest	6	1,469
	Low intensity pleasure	14	1,757
	Perceptual sensitivity	14	1,757
Negative affectivity			
Behavioral style	Adaptability	73	11,956
	Difficulty	36	9,820
	Intensity	65	12,304
	Rhythmicity	56	15,354
	Threshold	46	14,254
Criterion	Emotionality	35	8,475
Psychobiological	Anger/frustration	25	3,984
	Difficulty	7	879
	Discomfort	15	1,825
	Distress to limits	20	2,321
	Fear	38	4,858
	Negative affectivity	7	821
	Pleasure	6	1,495
	Sadness	16	2,314
	Soothability	31	3,410
	Surgency		
Behavioral style	Activity	80	22,065
	Approach	71	15,789
	Mood	68	15,767
Criterion	Activity	33	6,791
	Shyness	25	4,720
	Sociability	29	8,632
Psychobiological	Activity	36	5,636
	Approach	17	2,310
	High intensity pleasure	18	1,953
	Impulsivity	21	2,254
	Shyness	23	3,802
	Smiling	27	3,029
	Surgency	9	885

### *Effortful Control*

*Mean differences.* Across all dimensions within the factor of effortful control, there were  $k = 200$  computed effect sizes and  $k = 58$  estimated effect sizes. Meta-analysis was conducted on the set of computed effect sizes as well as on the set of computed and estimated effect sizes combined ( $k = 258$ ). Nine dimensions, in addition to the factor of effortful control, were examined for gender differences, for a total of 10 weighted mean effect sizes. Dimensions included distractibility and persistence from the behavioral style approach; attention from the criterion approach; and attention focus, attention shifting, inhibitory control, interest, low-intensity pleasure, and perceptual sensitivity from the psychobiological approach. See Table 5 for mean weighted effect sizes, 95%

confidence intervals, sample sizes, and random effects homogeneity statistics based on studies analyzing these dimensions. On the basis of the  $k = 200$  computed effect sizes, 8 of the 10 mean weighted effect sizes were significantly different from 0 ( $p < .05$ ). Notably, the gender difference in effortful control (analyzed as a factor in  $k = 6$  studies) was very large,  $d = -1.01$ . Gender differences in attention, attention focus, and low-intensity pleasure were significant and small in magnitude. Attention shifting and perceptual sensitivity displayed small to moderate gender differences, and inhibitory control was moderate in magnitude. All gender differences favored girls. For all dimensions, random effects homogeneity statistics were nonsignificant; we concluded that these samples of effect sizes were homogeneous and did not perform moderator analyses for them.



Table 5

Weighted Mean Effect Sizes ( $d$ ), 95% Confidence Intervals (CI), Number of Effect Sizes ( $k$ ), and Random Effects Homogeneity Statistics ( $Q$ ) for Computed and Estimated Gender Differences for Dimensions Within the Factor of Effortful Control

Framework and dimension	Computed effect sizes				Computed + estimated effect sizes			
	$d$	95% CI	$k$	$Q$	$d$	95% CI	$k$	$Q$
Behavioral style								
Distractibility	0.05	-0.05, 0.15	33	41.40	0.02	-0.05, 0.09	56	54.52
Persistence	-0.08*	-0.15, -0.01	57	63.21	-0.05	-0.11, 0.01	87	76.52
Criteria								
Attention	-0.23*	-0.31, -0.15	9	5.49				
Psychobiological								
Attention focus	-0.16*	-0.25, -0.08	27	24.92	-0.14*	-0.23, -0.06	30	28.83
Attention shifting	-0.31*	-0.55, -0.07	12	13.60				
Effortful control	-1.01*	-1.37, -0.64	6	2.63	-0.96*	-1.32, -0.61	7	1.20
Inhibitory control	-0.41*	-0.61, -0.21	22	14.63	-0.39*	-0.58, -0.19	23	16.17
Interest	0.09	-0.10, 0.28	6	5.34				
Low intensity pleasure	-0.29*	-0.57, -0.02	20	6.56				
Perceptual sensitivity	-0.38*	-0.61, -0.14	14	7.56				

\*  $p < .05$ .

When estimated effect sizes were included in the analyses ( $k = 258$ ), a similar pattern of effect sizes emerged, though some gender differences decreased slightly in magnitude. None of the total homogeneity statistics was significant at  $\alpha = .05$ , so moderator analyses were not performed.

**Variance ratios.** Mean weighted antilog variance ratios and sample sizes for the dimensions included in the factor of effortful control are presented in Table 6. All variance ratios were very close to 1.0, ranging from .97 to 1.17, indicating slightly greater male variability for some dimensions.

### Negative Affectivity

**Mean differences.** On the basis of the 14 dimensions within the factor of negative affectivity, there were  $k = 339$  computed effect sizes and  $k = 137$  estimated effect sizes. Meta-analysis was conducted on the set of computed effect sizes as well as on the set of computed and estimated effect sizes combined ( $k = 476$ ). The dimensions examined for gender differences were adaptability, difficult, intensity, rhythmicity, and threshold from the behavioral style approach; emotionality from the criteria approach; and anger, difficult, discomfort, distress to limits, fear, negative affectivity, pleasure, sadness, and soothability from the psychobiological approach. See Table 7 for mean weighted effect sizes, 95% confidence intervals, sample sizes, and random effects homogeneity statistics based on computed and estimated effect sizes from studies analyzing dimensions within the factor of negative affectivity. On the basis of the  $k = 339$  computed effect sizes, 3 of the 15 mean weighted effect sizes were significantly different from 0 ( $p < .05$ ). Notably, difficult and intensity had very small gender differences favoring boys. The dimension of fear showed a very small gender difference favoring girls. The dimension of rhythmicity had a significant homogeneity statistic ( $p < .05$ ); thus, the sample of computed effect sizes in rhythmicity was considered heterogeneous. All other homogeneity statistics were nonsignificant ( $p > .05$ ) and were thus considered to be homogeneous.

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ferences decreased slightly in magnitude. None of the total homogeneity statistics was significant at  $\alpha = .05$ , and those samples were considered to be homogeneous.

**Moderator analysis.** Rhythmicity ( $d = 0.05$ ) had significantly nonhomogeneous effect sizes. Thus, we tested age of child and source of temperament rating as moderators. Other moderators had too few levels with three or more studies and thus were not tested. Using age of child as a moderator, three subgroups composed of infants (3–12 months;  $k = 10$ ), toddlers and preschoolers (13–60 months;  $k = 5$ ), and school-age children (61–156 months;  $k = 10$ ) were tested for gender differences. The within-groups homogeneity statistic was not significant compared against a chi-square distribution,  $Q_w(22) = 33.53$ ,  $p > .05$ , but the between-groups homogeneity statistic was significant,  $Q_b(2) = 10.81$ ,  $p < .01$ , indicating that age significantly moderated the gender difference in rhythmicity. Only one of the mean weighted effect sizes was statistically significant; in this case, school-age children showed a small gender difference ( $d = 0.20$ ) such that boys were rated as more rhythmic and regular than girls. Very small negative effect sizes were found for infants ( $d = -0.11$ ) and toddlers/preschoolers ( $d = -0.15$ ).

Using source of temperament rating as a moderator, two subgroups composed of mother ratings ( $k = 22$ ) and “other” ratings (those by fathers and teachers;  $k = 3$ ) were tested for gender differences. The within-groups homogeneity statistic was not significant,  $Q_w(23) = 33.21$ ,  $p > .05$ , but the between-groups homogeneity statistic was significant,  $Q_b(1) = 11.13$ ,  $p < .001$ , indicating that source of temperament rating significantly moderated the gender difference in rhythmicity. Although the gender difference was not significant when mothers’ ratings were used ( $d = -0.03$ ), it was significant when father and teacher ratings were used ( $d = 0.55$ ) and indicated a moderate gender difference in rhythmicity favoring boys.

To determine the relative influence of these two moderators on the gender difference in rhythmicity, multiple regression analysis was employed, based on formulae provided by Hedges and Becker (1986). In a hierarchical linear regression model, age was entered

Table 6  
Mean Weighted Antilog Variance Ratios (VR) and Number of Effect Sizes ( $k$ ) for Gender Differences in Dimensions of Temperament, Grouped by Factor

Framework	Dimension	$k$	VR
Effortful control			
Behavioral style	Distractibility	31	1.03
	Persistence	47	1.00
Criterial	Attention	7	1.08
	Attention focusing	27	1.06
Psychobiological	Attention shifting	12	1.11
	Effortful control	6	1.17
	Inhibitory control	22	1.09
	Interest	5	0.97
	Low intensity pleasure	14	1.17
	Perceptual sensitivity	14	1.11
Negative affectivity			
Behavioral style	Adaptability	33	1.04
	Difficult	18	1.11
	Intensity	33	1.07
	Rhythmicity	25	0.86
	Threshold	19	1.03
Criterial	Emotionality	23	0.94
	Anger	22	0.90
Psychobiological	Difficult	5	0.86
	Discomfort	15	0.98
	Distress to limits	16	0.95
	Fear	33	0.93
	Negative affectivity	5	0.88
	Pleasure	4	1.05
	Sadness	16	1.18
	Soothability	28	0.94
Surgency			
Behavioral style	Activity	42	1.05
	Approach	37	0.94
	Mood	30	1.07
Criterial	Activity	26	1.06
	Shyness	17	1.19
	Sociability	22	1.04
Psychobiological	Activity	32	1.00
	Approach	17	0.97
	High intensity pleasure	18	1.00
	Impulsivity	20	0.95
	Shyness	22	1.01
	Smiling	25	0.94
	Surgency	8	1.20

Note. Variance ratios greater than 1.0 indicate greater male variability, whereas variance ratios less than 1.0 indicate greater female variability.

in the first step. Age was coded for a contrast between infants (coded .5) and toddlers/preschoolers (.5) versus school-age children (-1.0), on the basis of the similarity between the subgroups of infants and toddlers/preschoolers. Source was entered in the second step. Random effects model weightings were used as case weights, and corrected effect size was used as the outcome variable. Model fit indices indicated that the model specification could not be rejected,  $Q_E(22) = 28.19$ ,  $p > .05$ , and that the moderators adequately accounted for variations in effect size. Age accounted for a significant amount of variance, adjusted  $R^2 = .21$ ,  $F(1, 23) = 7.35$ ,  $p < .05$ , as did source, adjusted  $R^2 = .31$ ,  $F(1, 22) = 4.23$ ,  $p < .05$ .

*Variance ratios.* Table 6 shows the mean weighted antilog variance ratios and sample sizes for the dimensions included in the factor of negative affectivity. Most variance ratios were very close to 1.0 and ranged from .86 to 1.18, indicating gender similarities in variability.

### Surgency

*Mean differences.* Within the factor of surgency, there were  $k = 346$  computed effect sizes and  $k = 111$  estimated effect sizes. Meta-analysis was conducted on the set of computed effect sizes as well as on the set of computed and estimated effect sizes combined ( $k = 457$ ). Thirteen dimensions were examined for gender differences: activity level, approach, and mood from the behavioral style approach; activity, shyness, and sociability from the criterial approach; and activity, approach, high-intensity pleasure, impulsivity, shyness, smiling, and surgency from the psychobiological approach. See Table 8 for mean weighted effect sizes, 95% confidence intervals, sample sizes, and between-studies variance components. On the basis of the  $k = 347$  computed effect sizes, 9 of the 13 mean weighted effect sizes were significantly different from 0 ( $p < .05$ ). Approach, (positive) mood, and shyness showed very small effect sizes favoring girls. All three measures of activity, as well as impulsivity and high-intensity pleasure, showed small effect sizes favoring boys. Surgency (analyzed as a factor in  $k = 8$  studies) showed a moderate effect size favoring boys. All homogeneity statistics for computed effect sizes in the factor of surgency were nonsignificant ( $p > .05$ ), indicating homogeneous samples of effect sizes for each dimension.

When estimated effect sizes were included in the analyses ( $k = 458$ ), the pattern of effect sizes was similar, though some gender differences decreased slightly in magnitude and mood became nonsignificant. The sample of estimated and computed effect sizes for smiling was significantly nonhomogeneous ( $p < .05$ ). For all other dimensions in the factor of surgency, total homogeneity statistics were nonsignificant; we concluded that those samples were homogeneous and did not perform moderator analyses.

*Moderator analyses.* Smiling ( $d = -0.01$ ) was the only dimension within surgency with a heterogeneous group of effect sizes. Thus, we tested age of child and temperament scale as moderators. As with the dimension of rhythmicity, we did not test other moderators because there were too few levels with three or more studies. Using age of child as a moderator, three subgroups composed of infants (3–12 months;  $k = 15$ ), toddlers/preschoolers (13–60 months;  $k = 7$ ), and school-age children (61–156 months;  $k = 5$ ) were tested for gender differences. For age, the within-groups homogeneity statistic was not significant with a chi-square distribution,  $Q_w(24) = 33.04$ ,  $p > .05$ , but the between-groups homogeneity statistic was significant,  $Q_b(2) = 7.74$ ,  $p < .05$ , indicating that age significantly moderated the gender difference in smiling. However, none of the mean weighted effect sizes was statistically significant (infants:  $d = 0.09$ ; toddlers and preschoolers:  $d = -0.12$ ; school-age children:  $d = -0.11$ ).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Using temperament scale as a moderator, we formed subgroups based on the CBQ ( $k = 11$ ), the IBQ ( $k = 15$ ), and an observational scale based on the IBQ ( $k = 1$ ). Because the last subgroup contains only one study, we report these results in a footnote and interpret them cautiously. The

Table 7

Weighted Mean Effect Sizes ( $d$ ), 95% Confidence Intervals (CI), Number of Effect Sizes ( $k$ ), and Random Effects Homogeneity Statistics ( $Q$ ) for Computed and Estimated Gender Differences for Dimensions Within the Factor of Negative Affectivity

Framework	Computed effect sizes				Computed + estimated effect sizes			
	$d$	95% CI	$k$	$Q$	$d$	95% CI	$k$	$Q$
Behavioral style								
Adaptability	-0.03	-0.11, 0.05	42	54.85	-0.02	-0.07, 0.03	73	74.20
Difficult	0.13*	0.04, 0.22	28	30.97	0.11*	0.03, 0.20	36	36.51
Intensity	0.10*	0.01, 0.18	37	41.41	0.04	-0.01, 0.10	65	60.92
Rhythmicity	0.05	-0.04, 0.13	30	49.59	0.03	-0.03, 0.09	56	63.03
Threshold	-0.07	-0.15, 0.02	21	17.21	-0.04	-0.08, 0.01	46	38.59
Criteria								
Emotionality	0.01	-0.05, 0.07	29	27.96	0.00	-0.05, 0.05	35	32.59
Psychobiological								
Anger	0.04	-0.04, 0.11	24	23.96	0.07	-0.07, 0.20	25	24.59
Difficult	0.03	-0.22, 0.27	7	7.66				
Discomfort	-0.17	-0.34, 0.00	15	9.04				
Distress to limits	0.01	-0.11, 0.14	16	12.16	0.00	-0.10, 0.10	20	16.20
Fear	-0.12*	-0.20, -0.05	34	31.61	-0.11*	-0.18, -0.04	38	36.78
Negative affectivity	-0.06	-0.20, 0.09	5	1.75	-0.05	-0.19, 0.08	7	1.80
Pleasure	-0.09	-0.27, 0.09	6	3.33				
Sadness	-0.10	-0.24, 0.05	16	14.06				
Soothability	0.05	-0.05, 0.14	29	29.16	0.04	-0.04, 0.13	31	30.79

\*  $p < .05$ .

within-groups homogeneity statistic was not significant compared against a chi-square distribution,  $Q_w(24) = 31.70, p > .05$ , but the between-groups homogeneity statistic was significant,  $Q_b(2) = 9.08, p < .05$ , indicating that scale significantly moderated the gender difference in smiling. One of the mean weighted effect sizes was statistically significant; when the CBQ was used,  $d = -0.12 (p < .05)$ . When the IBQ was used, the effect size was small,  $d = 0.09 (ns)$ . The observational scale showed  $d = -0.24$ ; however, this result was based on  $k = 1$ .

The differences between the IBQ and CBQ are confounded with age. That is, the IBQ was designed for infants and the CBQ for children ages 3–8 years. This is not a flaw of the meta-analysis but rather an artifact of Rothbart's (1981) age-appropriate measurement tools. Multiple regression analysis was used to determine the relative influences of age and scale on the gender difference in smiling. In a hierarchical linear regression model, age was entered in the first step and was coded for two orthogonal contrasts: (a) infants (coded 1) versus toddlers/preschoolers (-.5) and school-age children (-.5); and (b) toddlers (1) versus school-age children (-1; infants coded 0). Source was entered in the second step and was coded for two orthogonal contrasts: (a) IBQ (coded -1) versus CBQ (1; observational scale coded 0), and (b) IBQ (.5) and CBQ (.5) versus the observational scale (-1). Random effects model weightings were used as case weights, and corrected effect size was used as the outcome variable. Model fit indices indicated that the model specification could not be rejected,  $Q_E(22) = 31.52, p > .05$ , and that the moderators adequately accounted for the variability in effect sizes. Neither age nor scale accounted for a significant amount of variance: for age, adjusted  $R^2 = .12, F(2, 24) = 2.81, p > .05$ ; for scale, adjusted  $R^2 = .09, F(2, 22) = 0.53, p > .05$ . However, the first age contrast (infants versus toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children) accounted for significant variance ( $\beta = .14, z = 2.75$ ) in corrected effect size; the second age contrast (toddlers/preschoolers versus school age children) did not account for significant variability in effect size ( $\beta = -.02, z = -0.04$ ). When scale was entered into the model, the first age contrast was no longer significant ( $\beta = .06, z = 0.35$ ). Neither the first scale contrast (IBQ versus CBQ) nor the second scale contrast (IBQ and CBQ versus observational scale) was significantly associated with corrected effect size ( $\beta = -.07, z = -0.52$ ;  $\beta = .18, z = 0.83$ , respectively).

*Variance ratios.* Mean weighted antilog variance ratios and sample sizes for the dimensions included in the dimension of surgency are presented in Table 6. Most of the variance ratios were very close to 1.0. Notably, the dimension of shyness showed greater male variability; boys were 19% more variable than girls on this dimension. Also, boys were 20% more variable on surgency.

## Discussion

The overall purpose of the current meta-analysis was to determine the magnitude of gender differences in dimensions of temperament assessed by the three frameworks of Thomas and Chess (1977, 1980), Buss and Plomin (1975), and Rothbart (1981). A secondary aim was to identify moderators of these differences and assess gender differences in variability on these dimensions. Generally, we found evidence of only small gender differences in temperament although there were notable exceptions. For example, consistent gender differences favoring girls were found within the factor of effortful control, including a very large gender difference in effortful control (as a factor analyzed in six studies). Also, several dimensions within surgency showed small to moderate gender differences favoring boys. These findings have implications for existing theories of gender development and gender differences in emotion, adjustment, and personality, which are discussed below.

### Effortful Control

The factor of effortful control is composed of attention regulation dimensions as well as inhibitory control and perceptual sensitivity. Thomas and Chess's (1977, 1980) dimension of persistence, Buss and Plomin's (1975) dimension of attention, and Rothbart's (1981) dimensions of attention focus and interest rep-

Table 8

Weighted Mean Effect Sizes ( $d$ ), 95% Confidence Intervals (CI), Number of Effect Sizes ( $k$ ), and Random Effects Homogeneity Statistics ( $Q$ ) for Computed and Estimated Gender Differences for Dimensions Within the Factor of Surgency

Framework	Computed effect sizes				Computed + estimated effect sizes			
	$d$	95% CI	$k$	$Q$	$d$	95% CI	$k$	$Q$
Behavioral style								
Activity	0.33*	0.24, 0.42	50	63.07	0.22*	0.15, 0.28	80	101.64
Approach	-0.11*	-0.19, -0.03	42	43.48	-0.08*	-0.13, -0.02	71	65.50
Mood	-0.09*	-0.18, -0.01	36	43.82	-0.04	-0.04, 0.00	68	65.26
Criterial								
Activity	0.15*	0.08, 0.22	28	31.21	0.13*	0.07, 0.19	33	38.25
Shyness	-0.10*	-0.19, -0.01	19	19.81	-0.08*	-0.16, -0.01	25	26.39
Sociability	-0.06	-0.13, 0.00	25	23.76	-0.05	-0.11, 0.00	29	27.17
Psychobiological								
Activity	0.23*	0.11, 0.35	34	28.77	0.23*	0.09, 0.37	36	30.95
Approach	-0.04	-0.12, 0.04	17	14.78				
High intensity pleasure	0.30*	0.09, 0.50	18	9.36				
Impulsivity	0.18*	0.04, 0.33	21	14.18				
Shyness	-0.03	-0.10, 0.04	23	21.09				
Smiling	0.01	-0.10, 0.11	25	22.92	-0.01	-0.09, 0.06	27	24.46
Surgency	0.55*	0.22, 0.89	8	4.28	0.47*	0.16, 0.78	9	6.85

\*  $p < .05$ .

resent a construct of attention span or focusing. Similarly, Thomas and Chess's distractibility dimension and Rothbart's attention shifting (i.e., the ability to shift attention) dimension represent a construct of purposeful attention change. In two of the four attention span dimensions, girls scored higher than boys (range  $d = -0.24$  to  $0.09$ ), and in one of the two attention change dimensions, girls also scored higher (range  $d = -0.31$  to  $0.05$ ); in none of the analyses did boys score significantly higher than girls. The constructs of attention focus and attention change are not opposite ends of the same continuum. Thus, these findings may represent an overall better ability of girls to regulate or allocate their attention. Similarly, the moderate gender difference in inhibitory control indicates that girls display a better ability to control inappropriate responses and behaviors than boys.

In separate studies, perceptual sensitivity has loaded on both the effortful control factor (Ahadi et al., 1993) and on another factor of orienting sensitivity, which correlated highly with the Big Five trait of Openness and Intellect (Rothbart et al., 2000). Perceptual sensitivity refers to the child's detection of subtle and low-intensity stimuli from the external environment. We found a small to moderate gender difference in this dimension, indicating that girls were better at perceiving low-intensity environmental stimuli than boys were. This may represent girls' greater awareness of subtle environmental changes.

Several studies used in this meta-analysis reported results for the factor of effortful control. The overall difference obtained from those studies was very large,  $d = -1.01$ , indicating that girls outperform boys on this factor by a full standard deviation. In the context of the other significant gender differences in the individual dimensions of effortful control, we conclude that girls display a stronger ability to manage and regulate their attention and inhibit their impulses. These abilities are considered major developmental tasks in childhood. That girls tend to do better than boys at these tasks may suggest a male maturational lag that persists through middle childhood. Any eventual "catch-up" by boys after age 13 could not, of course, be demonstrated in our analyses.

### Negative Affectivity

Negative affectivity comprises dimensions of anger, frustration, emotional intensity, difficult, and fear. The factor is associated with the Big Five trait of Neuroticism, which shows medium to large gender differences favoring girls (Costa, Terracciano, & McCrae, 2001; Feingold, 1994). Few dimensions within this factor showed significant gender differences. The very small gender difference in fear ( $d = -0.12$ ) is consistent with the findings of Maccoby and Jacklin (1974), which concluded that boys and girls do not differ in fearfulness.

The original Thomas and Chess (1977, 1980) difficult cluster has been widely used because of its practical appeal, and dimensions from other frameworks have sometimes been fitted to it for the same purpose. In the case of the current meta-analysis, both the Rothbart (1981) and the Thomas and Chess clusters have been studied. In each case, we found little evidence of gender differences. Similarly, we found no evidence of gender differences in the Thomas and Chess dimension of adaptability, which refers to a child's ability to adjust to changes in the environment, or in the Rothbart dimension of soothability, which refers to falling reactivity or the child's ability to be soothed. The Thomas and Chess dimension of threshold and Rothbart's dimension of discomfort represent a common construct of reactivity and distress to environmental stimulation; neither of these dimensions showed significant gender differences. Several studies used in this meta-analysis reported results for negative affectivity as a factor; we did not find a significant gender difference when analyzing those studies.

### Surgency

Surgency represents a cluster of several dimensions, based on factor analytic work (Ahadi, Rothbart, & Ye, 1993). It includes approach, high-intensity pleasure, smiling and laughter, activity, impulsivity, and shyness (negatively loaded) and is linked to the Big Five trait of extraversion, which shows a mixed pattern of



gender differences (Costa et al., 2001). In addition to studying the dimensions composing surgency, we also obtained 9 effect sizes for the surgency factor and meta-analyzed the gender differences in it. The results indicated that boys scored .5 standard deviation higher than girls on surgency. We found a small positive gender difference favoring boys in high-intensity pleasure, which represents the amount of pleasure derived from high stimulus intensity, rate, complexity, novelty, and incongruity, and might include rough-and-tumble play or being in crowds of people.

The approach dimensions from Thomas and Chess's (1977, 1980) behavioral style framework and Rothbart's (1981) psychological framework both showed negligible gender differences. There are, at most, very small gender differences in smiling and positive affect in middle childhood. Both the Rothbart dimension of smiling and the Thomas and Chess dimension of positive mood showed negligible gender differences. Gender differences in smiling were not significant at any age.

Shyness loads negatively on the factor of surgency, whereas sociability loads positively. Both represent a general orientation or response to social interaction although shyness also contains a component of anxiety. Based on the meta-analyses of Rothbart's (1981) shyness dimension and Buss and Plomin's (1975) shyness and sociability dimensions, there is little evidence of gender differences. These results are consistent with Maccoby and Jacklin's (1974) results for sociability.

In each of the three methodological frameworks, we found a small but significant gender difference in activity level (range  $d = 0.15$ – $0.33$ ). Although this estimate is lower than that obtained by Eaton and Enns (1986), the general finding of greater male activity was replicated. In addition, Eaton and Enns found that the difference was small in magnitude in samples of infants, but moderate to large in samples of older children. Well over half of the samples included in the current activity level meta-analysis were of children younger than 5 years; thus, it is not surprising that our estimate is lower than Eaton and Enns's.

### *Implications of the Findings*

Findings of gender differences and similarities in temperament are important in their own right, but the findings also hold implications for models of gender role development and gender differences in personality, emotion, and adjustment.

*Gender role development.* Maccoby's (1990) theory of the development of gender-typed behaviors argues that gender differences in individual characteristics, such as personality and temperament, are likely to be small. Gender differences in social behavior develop from social interaction, particularly from same-gender peer groups. In such groups, gender-specific interaction styles and roles emerge. We found negligible effect sizes for gender differences in many dimensions of temperament, which is consistent with Maccoby's theory. Moreover, moderator analyses indicated that gender differences in rhythmicity and smiling were greater in school-age children (who have had more cumulative exposure to socialization in same-gender peer groups than toddlers and infants). Past research indicated that gender differences in some temperament dimensions (e.g., activity) increase with age (Maccoby & Jacklin, 1974; Eaton & Enns, 1986). This pattern of results can also be linked to possible evocative effects as described by Scarr and McCartney (1983). That is, small gender differences

may be magnified by gender role socialization and social interaction such that larger differences are seen in older children. However, in both rhythmicity and smiling, the direction of gender differences actually reversed after infancy, suggesting a more complicated developmental model.

In their meta-analysis, LaFrance et al. (2003) found a moderate gender difference in smiling,  $d = -0.41$ , with girls and women smiling more. The magnitude of the gender difference was highly dependent on the context, as described in the Introduction. Smiling is crucial in areas such as interpersonal interactions and impression formation. For example, experimental research shows that raters react negatively to women who do not smile (Deutsch et al., 1987). Hall and Halberstadt (1986) found no gender differences in childhood and hypothesized that the differences emerged in adolescence. That we found no significant gender difference in smiling is consistent with that developmental pattern and with the notion that this gender difference results from gender role norms.

In the context of gender role norms, the findings for low- and high-intensity pleasure are not at all surprising and very consistent with Maccoby's (1998) theory. Girls and boys tend to prefer playing in same-gender peer groups, where low-intensity activities (e.g., playing house) and high-intensity activities (e.g., rough-and-tumble play) are likely to take place for girls and boys, respectively (Maccoby, 1990). Thus, gender differences in low- and high-intensity pleasure may be linked to activities that occur in same-gender peer play. This question was not tested in the current meta-analysis, but should be addressed in future research.

*Gender differences in personality.* Gender differences in temperament cannot be discussed without considering the evidence on gender differences in personality in adulthood. Past meta-analyses (Costa et al., 2001; Feingold, 1994) of gender differences in personality indicated that women score higher on facets of neuroticism (ranging from  $d = 0.19$ – $0.44$ ) and agreeableness (range  $d = 0.19$ – $0.43$ ), and on some facets of Extraversion, such as warmth, gregariousness, and positive emotions (range  $d = 0.21$ – $0.33$ ), as well as on Openness, such as aesthetics, feelings, and actions (range  $d = 0.19$ – $0.34$ ). Men scored higher on two facets of Extraversion, including assertiveness ( $d = 0.19$ – $0.50$ ) and excitement seeking ( $d = 0.31$ – $0.38$ ), as well as on Openness, including fantasy ( $d = 0.12$ – $0.16$ ) and ideas ( $d = 0.16$ – $0.32$ ). No significant gender differences were found on facets of conscientiousness in those studies.

Insofar as gender differences in personality are foreshadowed by gender differences in temperament, we expected to find those gender differences in our meta-analysis. We predicted that temperament dimensions such as fear, sadness, discomfort, and frustration, as links to the personality factor of neuroticism, would show gender differences favoring girls. The results provided support for some links but not others; girls scored slightly higher only on measures of fear and discomfort. There were no other gender differences favoring girls in negative affectivity; in fact, boys scored higher on the difficulty and intensity components of negative affectivity. The gender differences we found for effortful control in children did not foreshadow the lack of differences in adult conscientiousness (Costa et al., 2001; Feingold, 1994). Girls consistently scored higher than boys on the factor of effortful control, suggesting that this gender difference fades with development, or that the link from effortful control to conscientiousness is weak. For the temperament dimensions underlying extraversion



(the factor of surgency including high-intensity pleasure, sociability, and activity), the gender difference in high-intensity pleasure is consistent with the difference in excitement seeking. The small gender difference in impulsivity favoring boys can be compared with Feingold's (1994) meta-analysis, which reported a negligible gender difference in impulsiveness in adults. This indicates a potential developmental change in gender differences in impulsivity, as both boys and girls improve in impulse control as they move toward adulthood. In summary, patterns of gender differences and similarities in temperament bear little resemblance to patterns of gender differences and similarities in adult personality.

*Gender differences in emotion.* We turn now to gender stereotyping of emotions and the implications of this meta-analysis for those patterns. Women are stereotyped as being more emotional than men. Specifically, they are stereotyped as experiencing and expressing more distress, embarrassment, fear, guilt, and sadness—but also more happiness—than men (Plant, Hyde, Keltner, & Devine, 2000). Men are stereotyped as experiencing and expressing more anger than women. Several lines of reasoning suggest a link between our findings of gender differences and similarities in temperament and the gender stereotyping of emotions. First, gender differences in temperament may represent the “kernel of truth” in gender stereotypes of emotion, such that small differences exist, but are magnified by gender stereotypes. For example, the small gender differences in fear favoring girls may be magnified by stereotypes about feminine emotions.

Second, gender stereotypes of emotion may contribute to gender role development, insofar as gender-stereotyped emotions fit gender norms, are socially appropriate, and are therefore encouraged. However, for emotions such as sadness and anger, which are feminine and masculine emotions, respectively, we did not find significant gender differences. Maccoby et al. (1984) found that, although toddler-age boys and girls did not differ significantly on a measure of difficulty, mothers responded differently to difficult sons than to difficult daughters. That is, children's emotional behavior may be responded to differently, on the basis of gender stereotypes. In such cases, one would expect that gender differences would increase with age. However, we found no evidence of gendered emotions varying with age, at least before adolescence.

A third potential link between gender differences in temperament and stereotyping of emotion reflects measurement bias. That is, gender stereotypes of emotion may bias perceptions or reports of gender differences in temperament. Adults are apt to judge emotions in children a priori on the basis of knowledge of the child's gender (Stern & Karraker, 1989). Condry and Condry (1976) found that adults were more likely to characterize an infant's ambiguous response to a jack-in-the-box as angry if they thought the infant was a boy, but as fearful if they thought the infant was a girl. Although this study lends support to the argument that perceptions of children's behavior can be biased by gender stereotypes, these effects have not been consistently replicated (Maccoby & Jacklin, 1974; Stern & Karraker, 1989). Although some research indicates that gender stereotypes are highly accurate (Hall & Carter, 1999), we found little evidence of gender differences in temperament dimensions that reflect gender stereotypes of emotion.

In addition to being stereotyped as expressing more emotion, research suggests that, indeed, women do express more emotion than men (Kring & Gordon, 1998). Self-reports indicate that

women experience more sadness than men (Brody & Hall, 2000). Are there precursors to these effects in temperamental qualities in the early years? The Buss and Plomin (1975) dimension of emotionality and the Rothbart (1981) dimensions of sadness and negative affectivity showed no gender differences. Although girls were more fearful, the difference was small ( $d = -0.12$ ).

Brody's (1997, 1999, 2000) theory of gender differences in emotional expression regards temperament as the root of women's propensity to express more emotion than men. Specifically, the theory contends that subtle gender differences in infant temperament—namely, activity and sociability—elicit different socialization patterns in girls and boys. Parents react to boys' higher activity and arousal by encouraging them to control and not express their emotions. Girls, who, according to Brody, are more likely to be sociable and empathetic, are encouraged to express their emotions fully. Thus, parents' differential socialization of their sons and daughters serves to increase gender differences in emotional expression. However, there is little research testing this theory of gender differences in emotion. Brody's theory is akin to Scarr and McCartney's (1983) theory of evocative interactions in arguing that individual differences in behavior evoke social environments, which further shape the development of behavior. Brody's theory assumes small gender differences in activity and sociability favoring boys and girls, respectively. We found no gender difference in sociability, consistent with earlier conclusions by Maccoby and Jacklin (1974). We did find small gender differences in activity. Thus, the current study provides support for one aspect, but not the other, of Brody's theory.

*Gender differences in adjustment.* Links between temperament and later adjustment are commonly observed. These links are typically small to moderate in size, but highly replicable (Rothbart & Bates, 1998). Several approaches to the temperament-adjustment link have been proposed. Rothbart and Bates (1998) concentrated on statistical approaches implied by various ways that temperament might be related to adjustment. Goldsmith, Lemery, and Essex (2004) focused on ways that temperament might constitute liability to child psychopathology. Compas, Connor-Smith, and Jaser (2004) reviewed the potential links between temperament and depression in children and adolescents.

Here, we focus on the four models linking temperament to adjustment proposed by L. A. Clark et al. (1994). The *vulnerability* model suggests that temperament serves as a predisposition for a disorder, such that temperament plays a causal role in the development of psychopathology. The *pathoplasty* model proposes that temperament can moderate the developmental course or expression of psychopathology, without necessarily playing a direct causal role. The *scar or complication* model proposes that the experience of psychopathology alters the development of temperament. The *continuity* model suggests that a psychological disorder indicates extreme levels of a temperament dimension; that is, that the disorder and temperament dimension reflect the same underlying process.

Focusing on the vulnerability model, Shiner and Caspi (2003) proposed six ways that temperament can shape the development of adjustment problems. They argued that temperament can affect (a) the child's learning processes, (b) the way adults and peers respond to the child, (c) the way that the child interprets their own experiences (d) the way that the child compares himself or herself to others (e) the choices the child makes in day-to-day environments

and (f) the ways that the child manipulates or modifies their environment. Thus, temperament and later adjustment may be linked in a number of ways that may or may not be causal. In cases where gender differences in adjustment have been observed, we will juxtapose those reports with our meta-analytic findings to discuss the linkages.

Some research supports the vulnerability model for the development of mood and anxiety disorders (L. A. Clark et al. 1994; Davidson, 1998; Klein & Shih, 1998). For example, L. A. Clark et al.'s (1994) tripartite theory argues that temperamental traits of low positive affectivity and high negative affectivity may increase one's vulnerability to depression. Although the tripartite theory made no specific claims about gender, it implies that we should determine whether gender differences in negative and positive affectivity exist in infancy and childhood. The gender difference in depression is among the most robust of findings in psychopathology research. In adulthood, twice as many women as men are depressed (Kessler, McGonagle, Swartz, Blazer, & Nelson, 1993; Weissman & Klerman, 1977; Weissman, Leaf, Holzer, Myers, & Tischler, 1984). This gender difference emerges between 13 and 15 years of age (Hankin et al., 1998). Thus, we would predict that girls should score lower on dimensions of positive affectivity or higher on dimensions of negative affectivity.

That we found almost no evidence of gender differences in negative affectivity suggests that insofar as the tripartite theory holds, the vulnerability model may differ for girls and boys. That is, negative affectivity might play a role in the development of different adjustment problems for boys and girls, such that negative affectivity leads to anxiety and depression in girls and to externalizing disorders in boys. Rothbart and Bates (1998) have argued that different developmental processes may account for gender differences in adult constructs, such that "although reports of sex differences in temperament in early development are rare, gender differences in adjustment are pervasive, so a different process may link temperament and adjustment for girls and boys" (p. 155). Moreover, Rothbart et al.'s (1994) work on temperament and social behavior found that the link between negative affectivity and the internalizing emotions of guilt/shame and empathy held only for girls; in boys, negative affectivity was linked to aggression.

The other alternative following from the tripartite theory is that girls are lower in positive affect, which constitutes a vulnerability to depression. Our findings indicate that boys experience more high-intensity pleasure ( $d = 0.30$ ), but this is balanced by girls' experience of more low-intensity pleasure ( $d = -0.29$ ). The Thomas and Chess (1977, 1980) dimension of (positive) mood shows only a very small gender difference ( $d = -0.09$ ). Future research should sort out whether high-intensity or low-intensity pleasure is more predictive, negatively, of depression.

An alternative explanation for gender differences in depression lies in variability. Even in the absence of average gender differences, greater female variability would lead to more girls falling above the cutoff for high emotionality. Inspection of the variance ratios (see Table 6) shows boys to be more variable on the Rothbart (1981) scale of sadness; the same is true for the Thomas and Chess (1977, 1980) scale of mood. Girls are more variable for emotionality using the Buss and Plomin (1975) scale. No consistent pattern of greater female variability emerges, again suggesting

that the origin of the gender difference in depression is unlikely to be found in these dimensions of early childhood temperament.

Another possibility involves the gender difference in perceptual sensitivity. A sample item from the CBQ (Rothbart et al., 1994) is "How often did the child notice fabrics with a scratchy texture?" If girls are more attuned to the fine details of their environment, they may experience more stressors, simply because they notice more negative events around them. They may be more adept at noticing negative emotions displayed by important others in their environment, such as parents, teachers, or peers. Consistent with this finding, other research has found evidence suggesting that girls encode life events in more detail than do boys (Seidnitz & Diener, 1998). For example, Davis (1999), in a series of experiments with children and undergraduates, found that girls consistently recalled more childhood memories than did boys; moreover, they were faster at accessing the memories, and the age of earliest memory was younger for girls than for boys. The gender difference was specific to events associated with emotion but was consistent across both positive and negative emotions. Over time, then, girls may accumulate more memories of emotional events, including events evoking negative emotions, and these contribute to depression. The gender difference in perceptual sensitivity may also be a precursor to the female advantage in decoding nonverbal cues in adulthood (Hall & Halberstadt, 1986).

Another link between temperament and adjustment may occur for externalizing disorders. In the case of externalizing disorders such as antisocial behavior, attention problems, aggressive behavior, and substance abuse, boys are at increased risk (Bongers, Koot, van der Ende, & Verhulst, 2003; Lemery, Essex, & Smider, 2002; Rosenfield, 2000). Given the gender differences in externalizing behaviors, we would predict gender differences in the dimensions of the effortful control factor. In general, our results support this link. The gender difference in the effortful control factor (on the basis of six studies) favored girls by one standard deviation. In addition, we found consistent evidence of gender differences in the dimensions composing the factor of effortful control, most notably in attention regulation and inhibitory control. Low scores on these dimensions are associated with a greater male incidence of attention and externalizing behavior problems, including aggression and delinquency (Bongers et al., 2003; Rosenfield, 2000) and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (Nigg, Goldsmith, & Sachek, 2004).

The inability to regulate behavior and attention and to inhibit inappropriate responses is a key component of externalizing behavior problems (Lahey, Moffitt, & Caspi, 2003; Lemery et al., 2002). Moreover, attention focusing, difficult temperament, anger, and inhibitory control are correlates of such behavior problems (Lemery et al., 2002; Skodol, 2000). Some longitudinal work indicates that the developmental pattern of antisocial or delinquent behavior is different in boys and girls (Moffitt & Caspi, 2001). Boys are more likely to possess risk factors for life-course-persistent antisocial behavior, such as difficult temperament, hyperactivity, and behavior problems, and girls are less likely to develop life-course-persistent antisocial behavior (Moffitt & Caspi, 2001). Although there is some evidence of measurement confounding between temperament and behavior problems, the link remains after correcting for that confounding (Lemery et al., 2002). Some have argued that the link may be due to extreme levels of temperament constructs representing problem behavior

(Lemery et al., 2002), which is consistent with the continuity model of temperament and psychopathology. This argument implies that boys are more variable, occupying the extreme tails of the distribution more than girls. Moreover, the apparent inconsistency between the negligible gender difference in anger and frustration and the moderate gender difference in externalizing disorders raises the question of gender differences in variability. That is, boys might not differ from girls in their mean levels of anger, but boys might be more variable and more likely to score in the higher range in anger. Yet, there is little evidence of greater male variability on any of these dimensions.

It would be very satisfying to discover in early temperament the origins of some of these important psychological gender differences. The current meta-analysis, however, did not find patterns consistent with adult patterns of gender differences in smiling or emotional expression. The gender difference in depression does not seem to be rooted in early gender differences in sadness or negative affectivity. However, it might be related to the greater perceptual sensitivity (i.e., awareness of subtle aspects of the environment) of girls. The gender differences in dimensions of effortful control are consistent with gender differences in externalizing problems, and may indicate an important link in the greater male incidence of aggression, delinquency, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

#### *Limitations and Strengths of the Data*

*Shifting standards in temperament ratings.* To what extent are adults' ratings of children's temperament influenced by gender stereotypes? Although we typically think of stereotyping as exerting an assimilative effect, it can also produce contrast or even null effects. Insofar as different or "shifting" standards are used by different raters, counterstereotypical effects can obscure real effects (Biernat, 2003). That is, boys and girls may not be held to the same standards by each temperament rater; for example, "fearful" for a boy may not mean the same thing as "fearful" for a girl. Thus, contrast or null effects may reflect shifting temperament rating standards and obscure real gender differences in temperament. To what extent is the current meta-analysis likely to reflect such effects? Temperament scales typically ask respondents to rate specific behaviors, not to provide global assessments of traits. Items from the activity scales within each of the three approaches are illustrative. Measures within the criterial approach (e.g., Buss & Plomin, 1975) are fairly global, having parents rate their children on an item such as "Child is always on the go" using a scale from 1 (*a little*) to 5 (*a lot*). In the behavioral style approach (e.g., Hegvik et al., 1982), parents rate their children on an item such as "Fidgets when he or she has to stay still" using a scale from 1 (*almost never*) to 6 (*almost always*). Measures within the psychological approach (e.g., Rothbart et al., 1994) have parents rate their children on an item such as "Moves about actively in house" using a scale from 1 (*extremely untrue*) to 7 (*extremely true*). Thus, the likelihood of an effect due to shifting standards seems less likely because these scales do not rely on global impressions and individual or personal standards of temperament but rather on a variety of specific behaviors rated on reliable scales. The possibility that "real" gender differences are obscured because of shifting standards, as well as the possibility of assimilative effects

of gender stereotyping, should be examined by temperament researchers.

*Questionnaires versus behavioral observations.* Although every effort was made to include behavioral observations and laboratory measures in the current study, only 43 of the 1,196 effect sizes obtained were based on behavioral observations. This illustrates an overall greater reliance in the field on parent or teacher report questionnaires. Behavioral observations and laboratory measures are considerably more expensive to administer, and fewer validated measures are available, so it is unsurprising that they are less common. Thus, the current study is based primarily on parent and teacher reports of child temperament, and its validity depends on the validity of questionnaire measures.

*Moderator analyses and the random-effects model.* Consistent with guidelines set by Hedges and Becker (1986), moderator analyses were conducted only on dimensions with significant nonhomogeneity. However, because the random-effects model reduces the between-studies variance ( $Q$ ), the likelihood of significant nonhomogeneity of effect sizes is also reduced. We were able to conduct moderator analyses on only 2 of 38 effects when using the random-effects model. For comparison, we analyzed the dimension of high-intensity pleasure using the fixed-effects model and found a significant (albeit smaller than with the random-effects model) gender difference favoring boys ( $d = 0.13$ ) as well as significant nonhomogeneity,  $H, (18) = 72.50, p < .001$ . Age of child significantly moderated this gender difference such that toddlers and preschoolers showed a larger gender difference ( $d = 0.32$ ) than school-age children ( $d = 0.02$ ). Although the random-effects model relaxes the requirement of homogeneity of effect sizes, it reduces between-studies variance and thus limits the instances in which moderator analyses can be justified.<sup>2</sup>

*Publication bias.* Meta-analyses have often been plagued by a publication bias, also known as the "file drawer problem," in which studies with statistically significant findings are more likely to be published than are studies with nonsignificant findings (Rosenthal, 1979; Hedges & Vevea, 1996). That is, the selection of studies is correlated with effect size magnitude, such that larger effects are overrepresented. One way to reduce publication bias is not to restrict the computerized literature search to studies whose research questions are similar to the questions asked in the meta-analysis. In the current study, we did not restrict our search to studies of temperament and gender. Thus, many of the studies included did not report or even examine gender differences but simply studied temperament. Another way to reduce publication bias is to include unpublished studies, such as dissertations. The current meta-analysis included 1,196 effect sizes from 191 studies, of which 342 effect sizes and 54 studies were unpublished. Thus, a strength of this study is the sizable proportion (28.6%) of unpublished studies included in the analyses. Given that 47% of our weighted mean effect sizes were negligible in size ( $d \leq 0.10$ ), it is doubtful that our results would change significantly with the addition of more studies with null findings. In sum, it is unlikely that a substantial publication bias exists in the current meta-analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Complete analyses using the fixed effects model and examining moderators can be obtained by contacting Nicole M. Else-Quest.



## Conclusions

The results of this meta-analysis indicated distinct patterns within each of the three temperament factors. Effortful control showed consistent evidence of girls' greater ability to regulate attention and impulses, consistent with boys' greater incidence of externalizing behavior problems. The temperament factor of negative affectivity showed only negligible gender differences, indicating that boys and girls do not differ in the extent to which they are difficult, emotional, or soothable. The factor of surgency showed very small gender differences, generally indicating that boys are slightly more active, less shy, and derive more pleasure than girls from high-intensity stimuli. These findings have important implications for research on temperament, emotion, personality, adjustment, and gender role development.

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