

Table 2
Maximum-Likelihood Factor Loadings, Valuation of Life (Samples A & B from the Affect and QOL Samples)

Item Number	Item	Factor I		Factor II	
		A	B	A ^a	B
Positive VOL (high score denotes high valuation)					
1.	I feel hopeful right now. ^b	.73	.75		
2.	Each new day I have much to look forward to. ^b	.77	.80		
3.	My life these days is a useful life.	.77	.74		
4.	My life is guided by strong religious or ethical beliefs.	.57	.56		
5.	I have a strong will to live right now.	.76	.78		
6.	Life has meaning for me.	.80	.78		
7.	I feel able to accomplish my life goals.	.74	.76		
8.	My personal beliefs allow me to maintain a hopeful attitude.	.80	.79		
9.	I intend to make the most of my life.	.78	.79		
10.	I can think of many ways to get out of a jam.	.66	.70		
11.	I can think of many ways to get the things in life that are most important to me.	.76	.75		
12.	Even when others get discouraged, I know I can find a way to solve the problem.	.72	.79		
13.	I meet the goals that I set for myself.	.74	.75		
Negative VOL (high score denotes low valuation)					
14.	It is hard to find much meaning in my everyday life.			-.65	-.71
15.	I have very few goals in my life, today. ^b			-.69	-.66
16.	I'm just putting in time for the rest of my life. ^b			-.77	-.72
17.	I spend very little time planning for the future.			-.66	-.65
18.	The real enjoyments of my life are in the past. ^b			-.71	-.69
19.	There are very few ways around any problem.			-.59	-.61
Comparative fit index: Bentler-Bonett = .980					

Note. QOL = quality of life and VOL = valuation of life.

a. Simple-Structure hypothesis set loadings on opposite factor at .00

b. These items used in the Survey of Asset and Health Dynamics Among the Oldest Old (AHEAD), as well as a deleted item, "It wouldn't bother me if my life ended soon."

Constraining Sample B to equality with Sample A resulted in an increase in chi-square of 57.63, 58 *df*, which was not significant. Table 2 shows the loadings for samples A and B and the Bentler-Bonett fit index for the combined sample. The content of the two factors is very clear. The first factor, with 13 items, expresses Positive Valuation of Life and the second factor, with 6 items, expresses Negative Valuation of Life. The implication of the division of VOL items into two factors of opposite valence will be considered later in this article.