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The following section contains a number of statements about asylum seekers which respondents from previous studies have made. Using the 1 - 7 scale below, please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each item by writing the appropriate number on the line next to that item.

- 7 = strongly agree**
- 6 = moderately agree**
- 5 = slightly agree**
- 4 = neither agree nor disagree**
- 3 = slightly disagree**
- 2 = moderately disagree**
- 1 = strongly disagree**

1. _____ Asylum seekers are holding Australia to ransom by resorting to violence such as rioting
2. _____ If asylum seekers need refuge, they should be granted refuge ®
3. _____ Asylum seekers are being dealt with appropriately by the government
4. _____ Separating asylum seekers like they are alien species dehumanises us all ®
5. _____ Asylum seekers are ungrateful by protesting in the manner that they do
6. _____ I sympathise with the situation of asylum seekers ®
7. _____ Asylum seekers are justified in hunger striking to attract attention to their situation ®
8. _____ The government's policy on asylum seekers is justified
9. _____ Asylum seekers are being unfairly detained ®
- 10 _____ Asylum seekers are manipulative in the way that they engage in self-harm protesting such as self-mutilation
- 11 _____ Asylum seekers don't attempt to be part of Australian society
- 12 _____ Asylum seekers are innocent victims of bad government policy ®
- 13 _____ Asylum seekers are legitimate refugees and should be welcomed ®

- 14 _____ So called asylum seekers are people fleeing the chaos of war and the cruelties of monstrous regimes ®
- 15 _____ Asylum seekers who mutilate themselves would not make model citizens
- 16 _____ Asylum seekers breed hatred
- 17 _____ If asylum seekers are not happy, send them home
- 18 _____ Asylum seekers would be better off in self sufficient communities rather than in detention ®

® reversed item

Cronbachs alpha: .94