

Scores of major & minor items grouped in to categories.

<u>category</u>	<u>disability score</u>
4	18-26
5	12-17
6	6-11
7	1-5
8	0.

I find it difficult to comprehend this method of categorization although 4-8 seems quite straightforward. It will be difficult to make any meaningful comparison between the two measures of disability.

Whereas our disability score uses items which account for a variety of disabilities it seems that the Social Survey method repeats items which are affected by one disability. It does not cover a wide enough range of items posing the score on the basic self care activities (washing, going to WC, getting to bed). A person who can do all these, but are unable to cook in safety, clean the house or go shopping without great difficulty could be classed as not disabled. This fits in with their idea that if people can use a wheel chair to get around they are not impaired only disabled. Their whole construction of a disability score is also far too complicated in many ways. One wonders how many methodological blunders can be hidden beneath this complicated procedure.

