Racial Attitudes Questionnaire

Instructions: This is a study of attitudes toward American racial and ethnic groups. Specifically, the purpose of this study is to understand the views of majority group members toward Blacks. We are asking questions about some sensitive issues. We recognize that sometimes it is not easy to be completely frank and honest, but your answers will help us better understand students' attitudes toward these important issues.

This questionnaire is anonymous, we do not want you to put your name on the questionnaire or the answer sheet. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. If you do not feel you can answer these questions honestly, please do not fill out the questionnaire.

Record your answers on the scantron sheet only, do not write on the questionnaire. Some of the questions might seem repetitive, but they should each be considered independently and we would like you to answer them all. Your answers are vital to the success of this study. Thank you in advance for your help.

Part I

Instructions: Use the scale printed below each item to indicate your agreement with each of the following statements concerning Blacks.

1. Blacks hold too many positions of power and responsibility in this country.
   A B C D E F G H I J
   Strongly Disagree Mildly Mildly Agree Strongly

2. Blacks dominate American politics more than they should.
   A B C D E F G H I J
   Strongly Disagree Mildly Mildly Agree Strongly

3. When Blacks are in positions of authority, they discriminate against Whites when making hiring decisions.
   A B C D E F G H I J
   Strongly Disagree Mildly Mildly Agree Strongly

4. Too much money is spent on educational programs that benefit Blacks.
   A B C D E F G H I J
   Strongly Disagree Mildly Mildly Agree Strongly

5. Blacks have more economic power than they deserve in this country.
   A B C D E F G H I J
   Strongly Disagree Mildly Mildly Agree Strongly
6. Blacks receive too much of the money spent on healthcare and childcare.

   Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree

7. Too much money per student is spent on education for Blacks.

   Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree

8. The tax system favors Blacks.

   Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree

9. Many companies hire less qualified Blacks over more qualified Whites.

   Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree

10. Blacks have more political power than they deserve in this country.

    Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
    Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree

11. Public service agencies favor Blacks over Whites.

    Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
    Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree

12. The legal system is more lenient on Blacks than on Whites.

    Strongly  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
    Disagree  Disagree  Agree  Agree
Part II

Instructions: Use the scale printed below each item to indicate your agreement with each of the following statements concerning Whites.

13. Whites and Blacks have very different values.

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16. Blacks don't understand the way Whites view the world.

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17. Blacks do not value the rights granted by the Constitution (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) as much as Whites do.

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18. Blacks and Whites have different family values.

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19. Blacks don't value the traditions of their group as much as Whites do.

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20. Blacks regard themselves as morally superior to Whites.

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21. The values of Blacks regarding work are different from those of Whites.

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22. Most Blacks will never understand what Whites are like.

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23. Blacks should not try to impose their values on Whites.

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24. Whites do not get as much respect from Blacks as they deserve.

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Part III

For each of the items listed below, indicate how you feel when interacting with Blacks.

I feel:

25. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Nervous

26. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Friendly

27. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Uncertain

28. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Comfortable

29. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Worried

30. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Trusting

31. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Threatened

32. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Confident

33. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Awkward

34. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Safe

35. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all Anxious

36. A B C D E F G H I J
   Not at all At Ease
Part IV

Please estimate the percentage of Blacks who possess each of the following traits?

Use the following scale to indicate your answers.

A       B       C       D       E       F       G       H       I       J
0-10%   11-20%  21-30%  31-40%  41-50%  51-60%  61-70%  71-80%  81-90% 91-100%

37. Hard-working
38. Unintelligent
39. Arrogant
40. Aggressive
41. Modest
42. Athletic
43. Ambitious
44. Untrustworthy
45. Insincere
46. Materialistic
47. Loud
48. Clannish (they stick together too much)
Part V

For each of the items listed below, indicate what your attitudes are toward most Blacks.

My attitude toward most Blacks is:

49. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Hostility  
At All  
Extreme Hostility

50. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Admiration  
At All  
Extreme Admiration

51. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Dislike  
At All  
Extreme Dislike

52. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Acceptance  
At All  
Extreme Acceptance

53. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Superiority (to Blacks)  
At All  
Very Superior to Them

54. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Affection  
At All  
Extreme Affection

55. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Contempt  
At All  
Extreme Contempt

56. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Approval  
At All  
Extreme Approval

57. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Hatred  
At All  
Extreme Hatred

58. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Sympathy  
At All  
Extreme Sympathy

59. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Rejection (of Blacks)  
At all  
Extreme Rejection

60. A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J  
No Warmth  
Toward Them  
Extreme Warmth Toward Them
Part VI

Rate each of the following traits in terms of how good or bad it is for a person to possess it.

61. Hard-working
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
   Bad    

62. Unitelligent
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
   Bad    

63. Arrogant
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
   Bad    

64. Aggressive
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
   Bad    

65. Modest
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
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66. Athletic
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
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67. Ambitious
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
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68. Untrustworthy
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
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69. Insincere
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
   Very  Very  Good
   Bad    

70. Materialistic
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
Very
Bad
71. Loud
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
Very
Bad
72. Clannish
   A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I  J
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Part VII: Experiences with Blacks. Please indicate how frequently you have experienced the following types of treatment from Blacks in general.

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Part VIII

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

87. Overall, my racial/ethnic group has very little to do with how I feel about myself.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

88. My racial/ethnic group is an important reflection of who I am.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

89. My racial/ethnic group is unimportant to my sense of what kind of person I am.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

90. In general, my racial/ethnic group is an important part of my self-image.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

91. Relations between Blacks and Whites have always been characterized by conflict.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

92. Blacks and Whites have a troubled history in the U.S.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

93. Although sometimes it is not visible, there is a racial battle going on in this country.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
   Disagree       Disagree       Agree       Agree

94. Blacks and Whites have never been able to get along in this country.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
   Strongly       Mildly       Mildly       Strongly
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95. There is a great difference between the status of Blacks and Whites in this society.
   A       B       C     D       E       F       G       H     I     J
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96. In America, Whites have more political power than Blacks.
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97. In this society Whites are much better off economically than Blacks.

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98. The differences in status, power, and wealth between Blacks and Whites are decreasing.

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99. The differences between Whites and Blacks in status, power, and wealth should not exist.

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Part IX

Demographic Information

100. Age:

A = 18-20  B = 21-25  C = 26-30  D = 31-35  E = 36-40
F = 41-45  G = 46-50  H = 51-55  I = 56-60  J = 61 and above

101. Ethnicity:

A = Black
B = Caribbean Black
C = Asian-American
D = Caucasian, Non-Hispanic
E = Native American Indian
F = Hispanic
G = Mixed heritage (at least part Black)
H = Mixed heritage (but not of Black heritage)
I = Other

102. Gender

A = Female    B = Male

103. Where were you born

A = United States, Canada
B = Latin American
C = Caribbean
D = Europe, Former Soviet Union
E = Africa
F = Asia
G = India
H = Middle East
I = Pacific Islands
J = Other

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