

### **RS-race Questionnaire**

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### **Scoring instructions**

Each of the 12 scenarios in the questionnaire has an anxiety question (“How concerned/anxious would you be...”) and an expectation question (“I would expect...”). Within each scenario, first multiply the anxiety score by the expectation score. Then, take the mean (average) across the twelve scenarios. The resulting score should be a number between 1 and 36.



7. Imagine you are riding the bus one day. The bus is full except for two seats, one of which is next to you. As the bus comes to the next stop, you notice a woman getting on the bus.

1) How **concerned/anxious** would you be that she might avoid sitting next to you because of your race/ethnicity?      very unconcerned      1   2   3   4   5   6      very concerned

2) I would expect that she might not sit next to me because of my race/ethnicity      very unlikely      1   2   3   4   5   6      very likely

8. Imagine that you are in a restaurant, trying to get the attention of your waitress. A lot of other people are trying to get her attention as well.

1) How **concerned/anxious** would you be that she might not attend you right away because of your race/ethnicity?      very unconcerned      1   2   3   4   5   6      very concerned

2) I would expect that she might not attend to me right away because of my race/ethnicity      very unlikely      1   2   3   4   5   6      very likely

9. Imagine you're driving down the street, and there is a police barricade just ahead. The police officers are randomly pulling people over to check drivers' licenses and registrations.

1) How **concerned/anxious** would you be that an officer might pull you over because of your race/ethnicity?      very unconcerned      1   2   3   4   5   6      very concerned

2) I would expect that the officers might stop me because of my race/ethnicity.      very unlikely      1   2   3   4   5   6      very likely

10. Imagine that it's the second day of your new class. The teacher assigned a writing sample yesterday and today the teacher announces that she has finished correcting the papers. You wait for your paper to be returned.

1) How **concerned/anxious** would you be that you might receive a lower grade than others because of your race/ethnicity?      very unconcerned      1   2   3   4   5   6      very concerned

2) I would expect to receive a lower grade than others because of my race/ethnicity.      very unlikely      1   2   3   4   5   6      very likely

11. Imagine that you are standing in line for the ATM machine, and you notice the woman at the machine glances back while she's getting her money.

1) How **concerned/anxious** would you be that she might be suspicious of you because of your race/ethnicity?      very unconcerned      1   2   3   4   5   6      very concerned

2) I would expect that she might be suspicious of me because of my race/ethnicity.      very unlikely      1   2   3   4   5   6      very likely

12. Imagine you're at a pay phone on a street corner. You have to make a call, but you don't have change. You decide to go into a store and ask for change for your bill.

1) How **concerned/anxious** would you be that the cashier might not give you change because of your race/ethnicity?      very unconcerned      1   2   3   4   5   6      very concerned

2) I would expect that the cashier might not give me change because of my race/ethnicity.      very unlikely      1   2   3   4   5   6      very likely