## 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 .

## Each of the items below describes new situations that people encounter. Some people are concerned about these new situations and others are not. Please imagine yourself in each situation and circle the number that best indicates how you would feel.

1. Imagine that you are in class one day, and the professor asks a particularly difficult question. A few people, including yourself, raise their hands to answer the question.
1) How concerned/anxious would you be that the professor might not choose you because of your race/ethnicity?

| very unconcerned |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect that the professor might not choose me because of my race/ethnicity.
very unlikely
very likely
2. Imagine that you are in a pharmacy, trying to pick out a few items. While you're looking at the different brands, you notice one of the store clerks glancing your way.
1) How concerned /anxious would you be that the clerk might be looking

| very unconcerned |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

at you because of your race/ethnicity?

2) I would expect that the clerk might continue to look at me because of my
very unlikely
$3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad \begin{array}{ll}\text { very } \\ & 6\end{array}$ race/ethnicity.
$1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$
3. Imagine you have just completed a job interview over the telephone. You are in good spirits because the interviewer seemed enthusiastic about your application. Several days later you complete a second interview in person. Your interviewer informs you that they will let you know about their decision soon.

1) How concerned/anxious would you be that you might not be hired because of your race/ethnicity?

| very unconcerned |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect that I might not be hired because of my race/ethnicity.

4. It's late at night and you are driving down a country road you're not familiar with. Luckily, there is a 24 -hour $7-11$ just ahead, so you stop there and head up to the counter to ask the young woman for directions.
1) How concerned/anxious would you be that she might not help you because of your race/ethnicity?

| very unconcerned |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect that the woman might not help me because of my very unlikely very likely race/ethnicity.
$\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$
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5. Imagine that a new school counselor is selecting students for a summer scholarship fund that you really want. The counselor has only one scholarship left and you are one of several students that is eligible for this scholarship.
1) How concerned/anxious would you be that the counselor might not choose you because of your race/ethnicity?

| very unconcerned |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect that he might not select me because of my race/ethnicity.

6. Imagine you have just finished shopping, and you are leaving the store carrying several bags. It's closing time, and several people are filing out of the store at once. Suddenly, the alarm begins to sound, and a security guard comes over to investigate.
1) How concerned/anxious would you be that the guard might stop you because of your race/ethnicity?

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 |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect that she might not sit next to me because of my
very unlikely $\begin{array}{llll} & 4 & 4 & \\ 5 & \text { very likely }\end{array}$ race/ethnicity
$\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$
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 |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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

2) I would expect that the officers might stop me because of my very unlikely very likely race/ethnicity.
$\begin{array}{llllll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6\end{array}$
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 |  |  |  | very concerned |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect to receive a lower grade than others because of my
very unlikely very likely race/ethnicity.
$\begin{array}{llllll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6\end{array}$
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 |  |  | very concerned |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

2) I would expect that she might be suspicious of me because of my very unlikely
$\begin{array}{llll} & 4 & \begin{array}{c}\text { very likely } \\ \end{array} \quad 4\end{array}$ race/ethnicity.
$\begin{array}{llllll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6\end{array}$
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?
2) I would expect that the cashier might not give me change because of my race/ethnicity.

