COLOR-BLIND RACIAL ATTITUDES SCALE (CoBRAS)

**Directions. The following is a set of questions that deal with social issues in the**

**United States (U.S.). Using the 6-point scale, please give your honest rating about**

**the degree to which you personally agree or disagree with each statement. Please be**

**as open and honest as you can; there are no right or wrong answers.**

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Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree

1. \_\_\_\_ Everyone who works hard, no matter what race they are, has an equal

chance to become rich.

2. \_\_\_\_ Race plays a major role in the type of social services (such as type of

health care or day care) that people receive in the U.S.

3. \_\_\_\_ It is important that people begin to think of themselves as American and

not African American, Mexican American or Italian American.

4. \_\_\_\_ Due to racial discrimination, programs such as affirmative action are

necessary to help create equality.

5. \_\_\_\_ Racism is a major problem in the U.S.

6. \_\_\_\_ Race is very important in determining who is successful and who is not.

7. \_\_\_\_ Racism may have been a problem in the past, but it is not an important

problem today.

8. \_\_\_\_ Racial and ethnic minorities do not have the same opportunities as White

people in the U.S.

9. \_\_\_\_ White people in the U.S. are discriminated against because of the color

their skin.

10. \_\_\_\_ Talking about racial issues causes unnecessary tension.

11. \_\_\_\_ It is important for political leaders to talk about racism to help work

through or solve society’s problems.

12. \_\_\_\_ White people in the U.S. have certain advantages because of the color of

their skin.

13. \_\_\_\_ Immigrants should try to fit into the culture and adopt the values of the US.

14. \_\_\_\_ English should be the only official language in the U.S.

15. \_\_\_\_ White people are more to blame for racial discrimination in the U.S. than

racial and ethnic minorities.

16. \_\_\_\_ Social policies, such as affirmative action, discriminate unfairly against

White people.

17. \_\_\_\_ It is important for public schools to teach about the history and

contributions of racial and ethnic minorities.

18. \_\_\_\_ Racial and ethnic minorities in the U.S. have certain advantages because

of the color of their skin.

19. \_\_\_\_ Racial problems in the U.S. are rare, isolated situations.

20. \_\_\_\_ Race plays an important role in who gets sent to prison.