

### Principal Component Matrix

	Factor Loadings	
	1	2
<b>Status Legitimizing Belief Items</b>		
1. If people work hard they almost always get what they want.	<b>.69</b>	.24
2. Most people who don't get ahead should not blame the system; they really have only themselves to blame.	<b>.75</b>	.05
3. In America, getting ahead doesn't always depend on hard work. (R)	<b>.42</b>	-.37
4. Even if people work hard, they don't always get ahead. (R)	<b>.51</b>	-.39
5. America is an open society where individuals of any ethnicity can achieve higher status.	<b>.79</b>	.13
6. Advancement in American society is possible for individuals of all ethnic groups.	<b>.74</b>	.17
7. Individual members of a low-status ethnic group have difficulty achieving higher status. (R)	<b>.71</b>	-.14
8. Individual members of certain ethnic groups are often unable to advance in American society. (R)	<b>.61</b>	-.15
9. America is a just society where differences in status between ethnic groups reflects actual group differences.	<b>.75</b>	-.18
10. Differences in status between ethnic groups are fair.	<b>.75</b>	-.39
11. Differences in status between ethnic groups are the result of injustice. (R)	<b>.81</b>	-.29
12. It is unfair that certain ethnic groups have poorer living conditions than other ethnic groups. (R)	<b>.61</b>	-.28
<b>Racial Progress Items</b>		
13. Blacks in the US are better off now (financially, politically etc.) than they ever have been.	.46	<b>.57</b>
14. In the last 50-70 years, great progress has been made towards racial equality in the United States.	.41	<b>.69</b>
15. There has been little improvement in conditions for Blacks in the US since the Civil Rights Movement. (R)	.47	<b>.55</b>
16. The election of the first Black president shows that the US has made strides toward racial equality.	.08	<b>.70</b>
17. Racial minorities now occupy high status positions traditionally held by Whites.	.17	<b>.49</b>