Motivation to Control Prejudice Scale

Subjects are instructed to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with each statement on a scale ranging from -3 (strongly disagree) to +3 (strongly agree). R = reverse scored.

1. In today’s society it is important that one not be perceived as prejudiced in any manner.

**2. I always express my thoughts and feelings, regardless of how controversial they might be. R**

3. I get angry with myself when I have a thought or feeling that might be considered prejudiced.

4. If I were participating in a class discussion and a Black student expressed an opinion with which I disagreed, I would be hesitant to express my own viewpoint.

**5. Going through life worrying about whether you might offend someone is just more trouble than it’s worth. R**

6. It’s important to me that other people not think I’m prejudiced.

7. I feel it’s important to behave according to society’s standards.

**8. I’m careful not to offend my friends, but I don’t worry about offending people I don’t know or don’t like. R**

**9. I think that it is important to speak one’s mind rather than to worry about offending someone. R**

10. It’s never acceptable to express one’s prejudices.

11. I feel guilty when I have a negative thought or feeling about a Black person.

12. When speaking to a Black person, it’s important to me that he/she not think I’m prejudiced.

13. It bothers me a great deal when I think I’ve offended someone, so I’m always careful to consider other people’s feelings.

14. If I have a prejudiced thought or feeling, I keep it to myself.

15. I would never tell jokes that might offend others.

**16. I’m not afraid to tell others what I think, even when I know they disagree with me. R**

**17. If someone who made me uncomfortable sat next to me on a bus, I would not hesitate to move to another seat. R**