

Initiation of Intergroup Contact

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Scale:

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

1. I am comfortable starting conversations with people who are not [identity].
2. I like meeting new people who are not [identity].
3. I prefer to make friends with [identities/identity people] than with people who are not [identity]. (reverse scored)
4. If I needed to ask someone for help, I would be more likely to ask a [identity/identity person] than someone else. (reverse scored)
5. I would be comfortable moving into a neighborhood where most people are not [identity].
6. I try to avoid people who are not [identity]. (reverse scored)
7. At work, I would happily work on a team where I was the only [identity] person.

-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree

Implementation Instructions:

Throughout the scale, the “[identity]” placeholders should be replaced with the identity or group membership of interest. For example, when asking about someone’s identity as a White person, item 1 would read: “I am comfortable starting conversations with people who are not White.”

As written, the placeholders refer to the participant’s identity. If you instead wished to assess contact with a specific outgroup, you may do so by removing the negation attached to each placeholder, and by adding a negation to placeholders where there presently isn’t one. For example, to assess contact with Black people, item 6 would read: “I try to avoid people are who Black.” and item 7 would read: “At work, I would happily work on a team where I was the only person who was not Black.”

Scoring and Interpretation:

After reverse-scoring items 3, 4, and 6, calculate a mean of all seven items. Higher scores indicate greater proclivity to initiate intergroup contact.

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