Annotation Instructions:

In the following, you are asked to annotate a set of sentences.

We ask you to decide for every individual sentence whether you think it is **racist** or not.

All of the sentences of this survey will **not** be explicitly negative. Still, they might be racist.

The sentences given to you will be in a random order. This means that each sentence should be **judged in isolation** without considering the preceding or following sentence.

For each sentence, you will have to assign exactly one of the following **3 categories**:

1. The first category is **OFFENSIVE**. It should be used if the **sentence is racist**. Examples are:

   - *Black people are exceptionally strong.*
   - *Black people are willing to obey.*
   - *Black people have special hair that needs to be washed less often*.
   - *Black people are tall.*

   - Superficially all the sentences given to you in this survey will look unsuspicious. This is mostly due to the fact that the sentences are not explicitly negative. However, there are many forms of racism that are expressed in a more indirect way. It is your task to **read between the lines** and also recognize what a sentence possibly suggests.
   - For example, some of the sentences may address some behaviour or habits that try to **depict black people as being very different to other people**, for instance, by claiming that they do not participate in common activities (e.g. *Black people don't mourn at funerals*) or that they engage in some activity excessively (e.g. *Black people are very focused on doing sports*).
   - There may also be cases of **exaggerated generalizations**, that is, properties or habits that may apply to some black people but that certainly do not apply to all members (e.g. *Black people go to church regularly*). Please also pay attention to properties or habits that are explicitly positive. For example, *Black people are good at working in service jobs* is a positive sentence but it is also a generalization that will not be true for every member of that identity group.
   - There may also be sentences that are simply incorrect or are even sheer nonsense. Imagine how you would react to such remark when you read it on some social-media platform. Please label such remarks as **OFFENSIVE** if you perceive them that way. Also bear in mind that such remarks are often written with a purpose to offend and that incorrect/obscure statements are rarely the result of lacking knowledge.

2. The second category is **NOT OFFENSIVE**. This label should be applied if the **sentence is not racist**:

   - *Black people fight against prejudice.*

- *Black people have the right to vote in the United States since the enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.*
- *Black people have a rich tradition of festivals and celebrations that honor cultural heritage.*

3. The final category is **UNKNOWN + comment** . You should use this category if you **definitely cannot decide between OFFENSIVE and NOT OFFENSIVE**, if you **do not understand the sentence** or if the **content of the sentence is incorrect**. It is **obligatory** to write the reason in the comment field. Please note that if the sentence is written in poor language then this does **not** qualify for this category as long as you can sufficiently understand the meaning in order to make decision between the labels OFFENSIVE and NOT OFFENSIVE. Please **use this category sparingly.** We pre-checked all sentences and removed all those we thought are impossible to annotate.

IMPORTANT:

- Please **rate the view of the author of the sentence AND rate the entire sentence rather than just parts of it**. For example, the following sentence contains an racist stereotype, however, as a whole (and this is what you should focus on), the utterance is not racist since the author clearly indicates that they do not share the stereotype that they report on (they correctly identify their teacher as an racist):
  - *My racist teacher said that black people usually have big noses.*

  Therefore, though the proposition *Black people usually have big noses* is offensive, the entire sentence should be labeled as **NOT OFFENSIVE**.

  Remember: If the author reports some racist content, ask yourself whether they share it. Only if they seem to share the reported content, you should label such sentences as OFFENSIVE.

- In deciding whether some remark is offensive or not, you **do not have to assess whether a sentence reflects the truth or not**. Please focus on the aspect of offensiveness and rely entirely on your **intuition**.

You have been assigned this survey since **you identify yourself as a black person.**