

## RACIAL INVENTORY

Score **5** if statement is always true for you

Score **3** if the statement is sometimes true for you

Score **0** if the statement is seldom true for you

### Because of my race or color ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I can be in the company of people of my race most of the time.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ If I should need to move, I can be pretty sure of renting or purchasing housing in an area in which I would want to live and which I can afford.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I can turn on the television or open the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely and positively represented.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ When I am told about our national heritage or about "civilization," I am shown that my people made it what it is.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I can be sure that curricular materials will testify to the existence of my race.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I can go into most supermarkets and find the staple foods that fit with my cultural traditions.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I can go into any hairdresser's shop and find someone who can cut my hair.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Whether I use checks, credit cards or cash, I can count on my skin color not to work against the appearance of financial reliability.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I can swear, dress in second hand clothes, or not answer letters, without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, poverty or illiteracy of my race.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I can do well in challenging situations without being called a credit to my race.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ I am never asked to speak for people of my race.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ I can criticize our government and talk about how much I fear its policies and behavior without being seen as a cultural outsider.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ I can be pretty sure that if I ask to talk to the "person in charge," I will be facing a person of my race.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ I can conveniently buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards and children's magazines featuring people of my race
15. \_\_\_\_\_ If a traffic cop pulls me over, I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.

16. \_\_\_\_\_ I can go home from most meetings of the organizations I belong to feeling tied in rather than isolated, out of place, outnumbered, unheard, feared, or hated.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having co-workers on the job suspect that I got it because of race.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ I can choose public accommodation without fearing that people of my race cannot get in or will be mistreated in the places I have chosen.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ I can be sure that if I need legal or medical help, my race will not work against me.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ If my week or year is going badly, I need not wonder if each negative episode or situation has racial overtones.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ I can comfortably avoid, ignore or minimize the impact of racism on my life.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ I can speak in public to a powerful group without putting my race on trial.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ I can choose blemish cover bandages in "flesh" color and have them more or less match my skin.

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