

The Total Ethnocentrism Scale

Public Opinion Questionnaire E

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The following statements refer to opinions regarding a number of social groups and issues, about which some people agree and others disagree. Please mark each statement in the left-hand margin according to your agreement or disagreement, as follows:

+1: slight support, agreement	-1: slight opposition, disagreement
+2: moderate support, agreement	-2: moderate opposition, disagreement
+3: strong support, agreement	-3: strong opposition, disagreement

- ___ 1. The many political parties tend to confuse national issues, add to the expense of elections, and raise unnecessary agitation. For this and other reasons, it would be best if all political parties except the two major ones were abolished.
- ___ 2. If there are enough Negroes who want to attend dances at a local dance hall featuring a colored band, a good way to arrange this would be to have one all-Negro night, and then the whites could dance in, peace the rest of the time.
- ___ 3. Patriotism and loyalty are the first and most important requirements of a good citizen.
- ___ 4. Certain religious sects whose beliefs do not permit them to salute the flag should be forced to conform to such a patriotic action, or else be abolished.
- ___ 5. The Negroes would solve many of their social problems by not being so irresponsible, lazy, and ignorant.
- ___ 6. Any group or social movement which contains many foreigners should be watched with suspicion and, whenever possible, be investigated by the FBI.
- ___ 7. There will always be superior and inferior nations in the world and in the interests of all concerned, it is best that the superior ones be control of world affairs.
- ___ 8. Negro musicians are sometimes as good as white musicians at swing music and jazz, but it is a mistake to have mixed Negro-white band
- ___ 9. Although women are necessary now in the armed forces and in industry, they should be returned to their proper place in the home as soon as the war ends.
- ___ 10. Minor forms of military training, obedience, and discipline, such as drill, marching and simple commands, should be made a part of the elementary school educational program.
- ___ 11. It would be a mistake to have Negroes for foremen and leaders over whites.
- ___ 12. The main threat to basic American institutions during this century h come from the infiltration of foreign ideas, doctrines, and agitators
- ___ 13. Present treatment of conscientious objectors, draft-evaders, and enemy aliens is too lenient and mollycoddling. If a person won't fight for his country, he deserves a lot worse than just a prison or a work camp.
- ___ 14. Negroes may have a part to play in white civilization, but it is best to keep them in their own districts and schools and to prevent too much intermixing with whites.
- ___ 15. One main difficulty with allowing the entire population to participate fully in government affairs (voting, jobs, etc.) is that such a large percentage is innately deficient and incapable.
- ___ 16. Manual labor and menial jobs seem to fit the Negro mentality and ability better than more skilled or responsible work.

- 17. It is a mistake to allow any Japanese to leave internment camps and enter the army where they would be free to commit sabotage.
- 18. In view of the present national emergency, it is highly important to limit responsible government jobs to native, white, Christian Americans.
- 19. In a community of 1,000 whites and 50 Negroes, a drunken Negro shoots and kills an officer who is trying to arrest him. The white population should immediately drive all the Negroes out of town.
- 20. European refugees may be in need, but it would be a big mistake to lower our immigration quotas and allow them to flood the country.
- 21. The many faults, and the general inability to get along, of the Oklahomans ("Okies"), who have recently flooded California, prove that we ought to send them back where they came from as soon as conditions permit.
- 22. The people who raise all the talk about putting Negroes on the same level as whites and giving them the same privileges are mostly radical agitators trying to stir up conflicts.
- 23. It has become clear that the Germans and Japanese are racially war-minded and power-seeking, and the only guarantee of future peace is to wipe out most of them and to keep the rest under careful control.
- 24. A large-scale system of sterilization would be one good way of breeding out criminals and other undesirable elements in our society and so raise its general standards and living conditions.
- 25. An occasional lynching in the South is a good thing because there is a large percentage of Negroes in many communities and they need a scare once in a while to prevent them from starting riots and disturbances.
- 26. Mexico can never advance to the standards of living and civilization of the U.S., due mainly to the innate dirtiness, laziness, and general backwardness of Mexicans.
- 27. Filipinos are all right in their place, but they carry it too far when they dress lavishly, buy good cars, and go around with white girls.
- 28. It would be best to limit Negroes to grammar and trade school education since more schooling just gives them ambitions and desires which they are unable to fulfill in white competition.
- 29. Zootsuiters demonstrate that inferior groups, when they are given too much freedom and money, just misuse their privileges and create disturbances.
- 30. The most vicious, irresponsible, and racketeering unions are, in most cases, those having largely foreigners for leaders.
- 31. There is something inherently primitive and uncivilized in the Negro, as shown in his music and his extreme aggressiveness.
- 32. We are spending too much money for the pampering of criminals and the insane, and for the education of inherently incapable people.
- 33. There will always be wars because, for one thing, there will always be races who ruthlessly try to grab more than their share.
- 34. Most Negroes would become officious, overbearing, and disagreeable if not kept in their place.