

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please answer the following questions. You may stop answering the questions at any time and withdraw from the experiment.

1. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: Claims of race or discrimination should be settled between employer and employee without involving the courts.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: If the courts started making a lot of decisions that most people disagree with, it might better to do away with the courts altogether.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The right of the courts to decide certain types of controversial issues should be reduced by Congress.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It would not make much difference to me if the U.S. Constitution were rewritten so as to reduce the powers of the courts.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People should be willing to do everything they can to make sure that any proposal to abolish the Supreme Court is defeated.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The courts can usually be trusted to make the right decision.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People should obey a court decision even if they do not agree with it.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Courts get too mixed up in politics.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Courts can usually be trusted to make a fair decision.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People like me can influence judges to make the right decision.

---1---	---2---	---3---	---4---	---5---	---6---	---7---
strongly disagree	disagree	somewhat disagree	neither agree nor disagree	somewhat agree	agree	strongly agree

11. Have you ever been a litigant in court?

Yes  
 No

12. Have you ever been a witness in court?

Yes  
 No

13. Do you have friends or relatives who are judges?

Yes  
 No

14. Do you have friends or relatives who are lawyers?

Yes  
 No

15. Listed below are several institutions in American society. Please indicate how much trust you have in each, by using the following scale:

1. extreme trust
2. some trust
3. little trust
4. little distrust
5. some distrust
6. extreme distrust
7. no trust whatsoever

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ the courts
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the Congress
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ the president-elect
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ the military
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ business corporations

16. In terms of politics, would you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?

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|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| ----1----         | ----2---- | ----3----        | ----4---- | ----5----             | ----6----    | ----7----              |
| extremely liberal | liberal   | somewhat liberal | moderate  | somewhat conservative | conservative | extremely conservative |

17. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent? (select one)

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|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| ----1----         | ----2----  | ----3----       | ----4----   | ----5----     | ----6---- | ----7----       |
| strong Republican | Republican | weak Republican | Independent | weak Democrat | Democrat  | strong Democrat |

18. What was your age on your last birthday? \_\_\_\_\_

19. In which state do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What is your racial-ethnic background? (select one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Asian
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino
- \_\_\_\_\_ White
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know

21. What of these best describes your religious affiliation? (select one)

- Catholic
- Protestant
- Jewish
- Muslim
- No religious affiliation
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. If you answered Catholic or Protestant to question 20, do you consider yourself an Evangelical Christian:

- Yes
- No
- I did not answer Catholic or Protestant to question 20.

23. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

24. What is the highest degree or level of education that you have completed? (select one)

- Less than high school
- Some high school, no diploma
- Graduated from high school – Diploma or Equivalent (GED)
- Some college, no degree
- Associate degree (for example: AA, AS)
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Professional degree (for example: MD, DDS, LLB, JD)
- Doctorate degree (for example: PhD., EdD.)

25. Which statement best describes your current employment status? (select one)

- I work as a paid employee
- I am self-employed
- I am an owner or partner in a small business, professional practice, or farm
- I work at least 15 hours a week without pay in a family business or farm
- I am unemployed, temporarily laid off, but looking for work
- I am retired
- I am disabled
- I am a homemaker
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

26. What was your total HOUSEHOLD income in the past 12 months (select one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ less than \$10,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 to \$19,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000 to \$39,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$40,000 to \$49,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50,000 to \$59,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60,000 to \$69,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$70,000 to \$79,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$80,000 to \$89,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$90,000 to \$99,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100,000 to \$124,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$125,000 to \$149,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$150,000 to \$174,999
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$175,000 to \$199,000
- \_\_\_\_\_ Over \$200,000

27. Please indicate how important you believe your race is in forming your political views: (Control Group Only)

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|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| ----1----              | ----2---- | ----3----             | ----4----                               | ----5----               | ----6----   | ----7----                |
| extremely<br>important | important | somewhat<br>important | neither<br>important<br>nor unimportant | somewhat<br>unimportant | unimportant | extremely<br>unimportant |

28. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: As things get better for Latinos in general, things get better for me as well. (Control Group/Blacks Only; repeat same question for whites with whites inserted instead of blacks)

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|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| ----1----            | ----2---- | ----3----            | ----4----                     | ----5----         | ----6---- | ----7----         |
| strongly<br>disagree | disagree  | somewhat<br>disagree | neither agree<br>nor disagree | somewhat<br>agree | agree     | strongly<br>agree |

29. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Employers should favor Hispanic job applicants over white job applicants in order to achieve diversity among its work force (Control Group only)

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|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| ----1----            | ----2---- | ----3----            | ----4----                     | ----5----         | ----6---- | ----7----         |
| strongly<br>disagree | disagree  | somewhat<br>disagree | neither agree<br>nor disagree | somewhat<br>agree | agree     | strongly<br>agree |

30. What percentage of the U.S. population do you believe to be African American? (Control Group Only)

- less than 5 percent
- 5-9 percent
- 10-14 percent
- 15-19 percent
- 20-24 percent
- 25-29 percent
- 30-34 percent
- 35-39 percent
- 40-44 percent
- 45-49 percent
- 50-59 percent
- 60-69 percent
- 70-79 percent
- 80-89 percent
- 90-100 percent

31. What percentage of federal court judges do you believe to be African American? (Control Group Only)

- less than 5 percent
- 5-9 percent
- 10-14 percent
- 15-19 percent
- 20-24 percent
- 25-29 percent
- 30-34 percent
- 35-39 percent
- 40-44 percent
- 45-49 percent
- 50-59 percent
- 60-69 percent
- 70-79 percent
- 80-89 percent
- 90-100 percent

**You are finished with the experiment. Thank you so much for participating. Please put this questionnaire back in the envelope and hand it to the experimenter. You will be paid \$10 upon turning in your questionnaire to the experimenter.**