

Rejection Sensitivity-Race Questionnaire
Version Attached: Full Test

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Instrument Type:

Inventory/Questionnaire

Test Format:

Participants first indicate their concern or anxiety that the negative outcome would occur because of their race on a 6-point scale ranging from very unconcerned (1) to very concerned (6). Participants then indicate the likelihood that the other person would engage in rejecting behavior toward them as a result of their race on a 6-point scale ranging from very unlikely (1) to very likely (6).

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RSQ-Race**

Items

1. Imagine that you are in class one day, and the professor asks a particularly difficult question. A few people, including yourself, raise their hands to answer the question.
2. Imagine that you are in a pharmacy, trying to pick out a few items. While you're looking at the different brands, you notice one of the store clerks glancing your way.
3. Imagine you have just completed a job interview over the telephone. You are in good spirits because the interviewer seemed enthusiastic about your application. Several days later you complete a second interview in person. Your interviewer informs you that they will let you know about their decision soon.
4. It's late at night and you are driving down a country road you're not familiar with. Luckily, there is a 24-hour 7-11 just ahead, so you stop there and head up to the counter to ask the young woman for directions.
5. Imagine that a new school counselor is selecting students for a summer scholarship fund that you really want. He has only one scholarship left and you are one of several students that are eligible for this scholarship.
6. Imagine you have just finished shopping, and you are leaving the store carrying several bags. It's closing time, and several people are filing out of the store at once. Suddenly, the alarm begins to sound, and a security guard comes over to investigate.
7. Imagine you are riding the bus one day. The bus is full except for two seats, one of which is next to you. As the bus comes to the next stop, you notice a woman getting on the bus.
8. Imagine that you are in a restaurant, trying to get the attention of your waitress. A lot of other people are trying to get her attention as well.
9. Imagine you're driving down the street, and there is a police barricade just ahead. The police officers are randomly pulling people over to check drivers' licenses and registrations.
10. Imagine that it's the second day of your new class. The teacher assigned a writing sample yesterday and today the teacher announces that she has finished correcting the papers. You wait for your paper to be returned.
11. Imagine that you are standing in line for the ATM machine, and you notice the woman at the machine glances back while she's getting her money.
12. Imagine you're at a pay phone on a street corner. You have to make a call, but you don't have change. You decide to go into a store and ask for change for your bill.