

Pre-Registration of Research Plans for “Measuring Attitudes Toward Indigenous Peoples”

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List of Changes

- Analyses of the measuring racial attitudes toward Indigenous peoples (“hostile racial attitudes”) and the development of a theory and measure of benevolent racial attitudes will be presented in separate papers.
- The variables tapping into conventional (“hostile”) racial attitudes remain unchanged (Table 1). The question wording remains the same, they are measured with a five-point, Likert-type scale (Agree strongly to Disagree strongly).
- The variables measuring benevolent racial attitudes (Table 2) have been moved to a new block and have been modified. Specifically:
 - The items will be measured with four-category response options (Agree strongly, Agree, Disagree, Disagree Strongly).
 - Two negatively-worded items have been reworded:
 1. “Aboriginals in remote areas do not need help moving to places with more job opportunities” has been changed to: “More should be done to help Aboriginals in remote areas move to places with more job opportunities.”
 2. “Aboriginals on reserves do not need help buying private property to become homeowners” has been changed to: “More should be done to help Aboriginals on reserves buy private property so they can become homeowners.”
 - The following two items have been added:
 1. The best way to address addiction on reserves is to help Aboriginals to move to bigger towns or cities for treatment.
 2. Promoting Aboriginal well-being means increasing Aboriginal control over traditional lands. (reverse coded)

Table 1: Variables Measuring Hostile Racial Attitudes Toward Indigenous Peoples

“Aboriginal activists are making reasonable demands.”
“Aboriginals are getting too demanding in their push for land rights.”
“Aboriginals get more favours from the education system than they should have.”
“Irish, Jewish, Chinese, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Aboriginals should do the same without any special favours.”
“More must be done to protect Aboriginal languages.”
“The government does not show enough respect toward Aboriginals.”
“Aboriginals get unfair tax breaks.”

Table 2: Variables Measuring Benevolent Racial Attitudes Toward Indigenous Peoples

“More Whites should do their part by adopting or fostering Aboriginal children.”
“Affirmative action (preferential hiring or school admission) hurts the self-esteem of deserving Aboriginals.”
“To keep Aboriginals safe, the number of RCMP (Canadian police) on reserves should be increased.”
“More should be done to help Aboriginals in remote areas move to places with more job opportunities.”
“More should be done to help Aboriginals on reserves buy private property so they can become homeowners.”
“The best way to address addiction on reserves is to help Aboriginals to move to bigger towns or cities for treatment.”
“Promoting Aboriginal well-being means increasing Aboriginal control over traditional lands. ”
