

Multi-City Study of Urban Inequality

Question Wording

Now I have some questions about different groups in our (U.S.) society. I'm going to show you a 7-point scale on which the characteristics of people in a group can be rated.

In the first statement a score of 1 means that you think almost all of the people in that group are "rich." A score of 7 means that you think almost everyone in the group is "poor." A score of 4 means you think that the group is not towards one end or the other and, of course, you may choose any number in between that comes closest to where you think people in the group stand.

Where would you rate [insert racial group] on this scale, where 1 means tends to be rich and 7 means tends to be poor?

- A) What about Whites?
- B) What about Asians?
- C) What about Blacks?
- D) What about Hispanics or Latinos?

Next, for each group, I want to know whether you think they tend to be intelligent or tend to be unintelligent. Where would you rate [GROUP] on this scale, where 1 means tends to be intelligent and 7 means tends to be unintelligent? A score of 4 means you think that the group is not towards one end or the other and, of course, you may choose any number in between that comes closest to where you think people in the group stand.

- A)What about Whites?
- B) What about Asians?
- C) What about Blacks?

D) What about Hispanics or Latinos?

Next, for each group I want to know whether you think they tend to prefer to be self-supporting or tend to prefer to be on welfare. Where would you rate [GROUP] on this scale, where 1 means tends to prefer to be self-supporting and 7 means tends to prefer to be on welfare? A score of 4 means you think that the group is not towards one end or the other and, of course, you may choose any number in between that comes closest to where you think people in the group stand.

A) What about Whites?

B) What about Asians?

C) What about Blacks?

D) What about Hispanics or Latinos?

Next, for each group I want to know if you think they tend to speak English well or tend to speak English poorly. Where would you rate [GROUP] on this scale, where 1 means tends to speak English well and 7 means tends speak English poorly? A score of 4 means you think the group is not towards one end or the other and, of course, you may choose any number in between that comes closest to where you think people in the group stand.

A) What about Whites?

B) What about Asians?

C) What about Blacks?

D) What about Hispanics or Latinos?

Next, for each group I want to know whether you think they tend not to be involved in drugs and gangs or tend to be involved in drugs and gangs. Where would you rate [GROUP] on this scale, where 1 means tends not to be involved with drugs and gangs and 7 means tends to be involved with drugs and gangs? A score of 4 means you think the group is not towards one end or the

other and, of course, you may choose any number in between that comes closest to where you think people in the group stand.

- A) What about Whites?
- B) What about Asians?
- C) What about Blacks?
- D) What about Hispanics or Latinos?

TABLE B.1. MCSUI Sample Characteristics

	White	Black	Asian	Latino
N	2,790	3,111	1,124	1,783
Age				
18-29	16%	19%	16%	35%
30-44	37%	39%	43%	42%
45-59	22%	21%	20%	17%
60+	26%	21%	22%	7%
Female	55%	66%	52%	60%
Foreign born	7%	5%	86%	81%
Education				
Less than HS degree	12%	24%	17%	54%
HS degree	44%	50%	28%	33%
Some college	14%	14%	16%	8%
Bachelor's or more	30%	12%	39%	6%
Household Income				
less than \$15K	21%	46%	31%	50%
\$15K-30K	20%	26%	20%	28%
\$30K-50K	26%	17%	23%	14%
\$50K-70K	17%	7%	12%	4%
\$70K-100K	9%	3%	9%	2%
\$100K+	7%	2%	6%	1%
Married	48%	24%	65%	42%
City				
Detroit	26%	24%	1%	2%
Atlanta	23%	26%	2%	2%
Los Angeles	23%	35%	94%	57%
Boston	21%	14%	3%	39%
Party affiliation				
Republican	27%	4%	16%	8%
Democrat	34%	69%	13%	31%