

## YEAR 4 - RACIAL ATTITUDES – Focus on Education

### DATA CODEBOOK

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This study is based on a survey conducted by the UALR Institute of Government Survey Research Center. Interviews are conducted by telephone using a landline RDD split frame sample. English-speaking residents 18 years old and older living in a private residence in Pulaski County, Arkansas are eligible for the study. The sample is stratified to permit oversamples of specific racial and geographic groups (referred to as “geo-racial groups”), which for our research purposes include four geo-racial groups: black respondents living in the City of Little Rock (LR-blacks), white respondents living in the City of Little Rock (LR-whites), black respondents living in outside the city limits of Little Rock (OLR-blacks), and white respondents living in outside the city limits of Little Rock (OLR-whites). The oversample of OLR-blacks is intended to generate more reliable results for this subgroup and thus, provide greater opportunities for more robust analysis. Due to oversampling, each geo-racial group has nearly equal numbers of interviews; as such, the stratified samples are not adjusted to reflect a proportional representation of the general population in Pulaski County. Each geo-racial group contains between 401 and 425 respondents, which provide a potential for sampling error of  $\pm 5$  percent at the conventional 95 percent confidence interval. The data are weighted to approximate selected demographic proportions for Pulaski County for each geo-racial group; for this survey, these demographic weights are imposed for age and gender. The 2000 Census Summary Files provide sample estimates that form the basis for calculating these weights. There are a total of forty weighted groups. Weighting factors ranged from 0.30 to 5.69.

#### GROUP2 - Geo-racial Group

- 1 LRBlack (n=423)
- 2 LRWhite (n=417)
- 3 OLRBlack (n=401)
- 4 OLRWhite (n=425)

Q1. Over the past year, do you think that relations between blacks and whites in Pulaski County have improved, remained about the same, or have gotten worse?

- 1 Improved
- 2 Remained about the same
- 3 Have gotten worse
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q2. In general, how important do you think it is that children socialize with children of different races?

- 1 Very Important
- 2 Somewhat Important
- 3 Not at all Important
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q3. Would you say you agree or disagree with the following statement: Racial integration of schools benefits both whites and blacks. {Strongly or Somewhat}

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q4. These days . . . how important is it for a person to have a college education to succeed in life.

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not at all important
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q5. If two equally qualified students, one white and one black, applied to a major U.S. college or university, who do you think would have the better chance of being accepted to the college – the white student, the black student, or would they have the same chance? (RANDOMIZE)

- 1 White student
- 2 Black student
- 3 Would have the same chance
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q6. Which comes closer to your view about evaluating students for admission into a college or university (RANDOMIZE)

1 - Applicants should be admitted SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF MERIT, even if that results in few minority students being admitted (or)

2 - An applicant's RACIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED to help promote diversity on college campuses, even if that means admitting some minority students who otherwise would not be admitted?

- 1 Solely on Merit
- 2 Race should be considered
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

We are interested in your opinions about schools. For the next set of questions, please think about ALL schools located in Pulaski County including the Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Pulaski County school districts AND all private schools.

Q7. Overall, what is your opinion of the quality of education children are NOW receiving in PUBLIC kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools -- would you say it is

- 1 Excellent,
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair, or
- 4 Poor
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q8. Overall, what is your opinion of the quality of education children are NOW receiving in PRIVATE kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools -- would you say it is . . .

- 1 Excellent,
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair
- 4 Poor
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q9. How much trust do you have in school board members, administration, and principals to decide and implement policies that are equally fair to WHITES and BLACKS. Would you say . . .

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little, or
- 4 Not at all.
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q10. How much trust do you have in teachers to treat BLACK and WHITE children with equal fairness. Would you say you . . .

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little, or
- 4 Not at all.
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q11. In general, do you think that black children have as good a chance as white children in your community to get a good education, or don't you think they have as good a chance?

- 1 As Good a Chance
- 2 Don't Have as Good a Chance
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q12. Approximately 30% of all children in Pulaski County attend private school.

What do you think are the main reasons a family decides to send their children to PRIVATE schools?

*Multiple response*

- Q12A Class Sizes/Smaller classes/Individual attention
- Q12B Safety issues/Better Neighborhood
- Q12C Teacher quality/Better Teachers
- Q12D Better Classes/Better curriculum/Academic reputation
- Q12E More variety of classes
- Q12F Better handle special student/special needs/Disabilities
- Q12G Location/Closer to Home
- Q12H More Racially Diverse/ Different Races
- Q12I Better racial fit/go to school with mostly SAME race
- Q12J Better buildings/better facilities
- Q12K Sports/Extracurricular activities
- Q12DK Don't know
- Q12REF Refused
- Q12REL Religious Reasons/Religion classes
- Q12DIS Discipline and structure (i.e. no drugs, violence, gangs, uniforms, sheltered existence)
- Q12STAT Status Symbol
- Q12ENV Better "environment"
- Q12AFF Can afford it
- Q12MON More money in the system, better and/or more resources
- Q12PAR More parental involvement, input, and control
- Q12OTH Other
- Q12OTHSP Specified

Q13. What do you think are the main reasons a family decides to send their children to PUBLIC schools? *Multiple response - Will not be read*

- Q13A Class Sizes/Smaller classes/Individual attention
- Q13B Safety issues/Better Neighborhood
- Q13C Teacher quality/Better Teachers
- Q13D Better Classes/Better curriculum/Academic reputation
- Q13E More variety of classes
- Q13F Better handle special student/special needs/Disabilities
- Q13G Location/Closer to Home
- Q13H More Racially Diverse/ Different Races
- Q13I Better racial fit/go to school with mostly same race
- Q13J Better buildings/better facilities
- Q13K Sports/Extracurricular activities
- Q13L Can't afford private school
- Q13DK Don't know
- Q13REF Refused
- Q13SUP Support, loyalty, belief in and commitment to public school system and community
- Q13CHO No other choice
- Q13FRE Free education, taxes pay for public schools, and cheaper than private
- Q13EXP "real world" social experiences
- Q13TRA tradition
- Q13CON convenient transportation/compliance with law
- Q13OTH Other
- Q13OTHSP Specified

Q14. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

- 1 None, or grade 1-4
- 2 Grades 5, 6 or 7
- 3 Grade 8
- 4 HS incomplete (Grades 9-11)
- 5 HS grad, Grade
- 6 Tech, trade after HS
- 7 College/ incomplete
- 8 College grad or more
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

Q15. Did you attend any kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools located anywhere in Pulaski County?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q16. Did you attend any college, trade or technical schools located anywhere in Pulaski County?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q17. Overall, how would you rate the quality of education you personally received from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade -- would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied? Somewhat or completely?

- 1 Completely satisfied,
- 2 Somewhat satisfied,
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied or
- 4 Completely dissatisfied?
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q18. Overall, in the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools you attended, would you say there were many, some, few or no BLACK students

- 1 All
- 2 Many
- 3 Some
- 4 Few
- 5 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q19. Overall, in the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools you attended, would you say there were many, some, few or no WHITE students

- 1 All
- 2 Many
- 3 Some
- 4 Few
- 5 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q20. Overall, in the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools you attended, would you say there were many, some, few or no BLACK teachers and administrators.

- 1 All
- 2 Many
- 3 Some
- 4 Few
- 5 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q21. Overall, in the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools you attended, would you say there were many, some, few or no WHITE teachers and administrators.

- 1 All
- 2 Many
- 3 Some
- 4 Few
- 5 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q22. When you were in Kindergarten through 12 grade, did you ever feel you were treated unfairly because you were BLACK/WHITE?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

*If Yes*

Q23. Did you feel you were treated unfairly rarely, sometimes or often?

- 1 Rarely
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Often
- 4 Don't know
- 5 Refused

Q24. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your current level of education? Very or somewhat?

- 1 Very Satisfied
- 2 Somewhat Satisfied
- 3 Somewhat Dissatisfied
- 4 Very Dissatisfied
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

### **Respondents who had no education beyond High School**

Q25. What is the main reason you did not pursue additional education after high school?

- 1 I am planning to go back to school in the future
- 2 Too expensive/Cost/Can not afford
- 3 Not useful/Not helpful
- 4 No Need
- 5 Can get a good job without college
- 6 Had to go to work
- 7 Went into the Military
- 8 Family obligations/Had children
- 9 Family pressure Not to go
- 10 College Too Hard
- 13 It wasn't expected of me
- 14 Other
- 15 tired of school, no motivation, high school dropout
- 16 pursuit of other interests and/or other educational venues
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

### **Respondents who had education past High School**

Q26. What is the main reason you decided to pursue additional education after high school?

- 1 Improve my quality of life
- 2 Higher paying job
- 3 More satisfying job
- 4 To pursue a specific career
- 5 Family expectations/family pressure
- 6 Social aspects/fun
- 7 Most of my friends went
- 8 GI Bill/Scholarship
- 9 Need to be student to get benefits (insur, SSI, avoid Draft)
- 10 Other «26GOCOLSP»
- 12 Education for the sake of education, enhance knowledge, obtain more/better education
- 13 Better opportunities
- 14 Obvious “next step” in life
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused



In 1957 nine black students enrolled at the all-white Little Rock Central High School. There were riots and threats against the black students. Governor Faubus called the Arkansas National Guard to block the black students from entering the school. President Eisenhower sent federal troops to Little Rock to ensure the rights of the black students.

Q27. Now it is 50 years later. In your opinion, are the events at Central High still impacting black/white race relations in our Pulaski County community today?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

*If yes*

Q28. Overall, do you think the continuing impact on race relations is positive or negative?

- 1 Positive
- 2 Negative
- 3 Both
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q29 – In what way do you think it is a POSITIVE/NEGATIVE (and) impact?

I want to ask you some questions about how you view other people.

Q30. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can not be too careful in dealing with people?

- 1 People can be trusted
- 2 You can not be too careful.
- 3 Depends.
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q31. Do you think only a few white people dislike blacks, many white people dislike blacks, or almost all white people dislike blacks?

- 1 Few
- 2 Many
- 3 Almost all
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q32. Do you think only a few black people dislike whites, many black people dislike whites, or almost all black people dislike whites?

- 1 Few
- 2 Many
- 3 Almost all
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Next, we'd like to know how much you trust different groups of people.

Q33. First, think about people in your neighborhood.

Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

- 1 Trust them a lot.
- 2 Trust them some.
- 3 Trust them only a little.
- 4 Trust them not at all.
- 5 Does not apply/No people in neighborhood.
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q34. People at your church or place of worship?

- 1 Trust them a lot.
- 2 Trust them some.
- 3 Trust them only a little.
- 4 Trust them not at all.
- 5 Does not apply/Doesn't attend church.
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q35. How about WHITES? Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them...

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Only a little
- 4 Not at all
- 5 Does not apply
- 6 Other
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q36. How about BLACKS? Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them...

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Only a little
- 4 Not at all
- 5 Does not apply
- 6 Other
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Racial attitudes may differ depending on age, income or other personal factors. Please remember your answers are strictly confidential.

Q37. What is your age?

- \_\_\_\_\_ years
- 777 – Don't know
- 999 – Refused

Q38. Gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

Q39. How many years have you lived within Pulaski County?

- \_\_\_\_\_ years
- 777 – Don't know
- 999 – Refused

Now, thinking about your neighborhood . . .

Q40. How many WHITES would you say live in your neighborhood, many some, few or none?

- 1 Many
- 2 Some
- 3 Few
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q41. How many BLACKS would you say live in your neighborhood, many some, few or none?

- 1 Many
- 2 Some
- 3 Few
- 4 None
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q42. How often do you attend a place of worship?

- 1 At least once a week
- 2 Almost every week
- 3 About once a month
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q43. How many children under the age of 18 are living with you right now?

This includes not only your own children through birth or marriage, but also those who may be living in your home for other reasons such as foster care or other relatives.

Enter number of children,

IF NONE, SKIP TO Q48

**Respondents with children under 18 years**

Q44. Do any of these children attend Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at a school located in Pulaski County?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

**Respondents with children attending school in Pulaski County**

Q45. Do these children attend public schools, private schools, or both?

- 1 Public
- 2 Private
- 3 Both
- 4 Home School
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q46. If it were possible for these children to go to any other school . . . anywhere . . . public or private, would you send them to a different school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

*If yes*

Q47. What type of school would it be?

- 1 Private
- 2 Public
- 3 Public – Magnet
- 4 Public – Different School
- 5 Other
- 6 Private – Religious
- 777 Don't know
- 999 Refused

48. Last week, what was your work status? Were you...

- 1 Working full-time
- 2 Working part-time
- 3 Out due to illness, leave, furlough
- 4 Have seasonal work, currently not working
- 5 Unemployed
- 6 Full-time homemaker
- 7 Student
- 8 Retired
- 9 Disabled
- 77 Don't know
- 99 Refused

Q49 If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 2009, would the total be

- 1 Less than 10,000
- 2 Less than 15,000
- 3 Less than 20,000
- 4 Less than 25,000
- 5 Less than 35,000
- 6 Less than 50,000
- 11 Less than 75,000
- 12 More than 75,000
- 77 – Don't know
- 99 - Refused

WEIGHT Weighting factor

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