

**YEAR 5 - RACIAL ATTITUDES – Focus on Health and Health Care
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 404 and 406 respondents, which provide a potential for sampling error of ± 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 0.31 to 4.93.

GROUP2 - Geo-racial Group

- 1 LRBlack (n=404)
- 2 LRWhite (n=405)
- 3 OLRBlack (n=406)
- 4 OLRWhite (n=404)

Q1. We'd like to know how you would rate relations between blacks and whites in Pulaski County these days. Would you say relations between blacks and whites are Very good, Somewhat good, Somewhat bad, or Very bad?

- 1 Very good
- 2 Somewhat good
- 3 Somewhat bad
- 4 Very bad
- 5 No Opinion
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q2. 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 Gotten Worse
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q3. Thinking back over your lifetime, how have civil rights for blacks changed in Pulaski County... Would you say the situation has Greatly improved, Somewhat improved, Stayed pretty much the same, Somewhat worsened, or Greatly worsened?

- 1 Greatly improved
- 2 Somewhat improved
- 3 Stayed the same
- 4 Somewhat worsened
- 5 Greatly worsened
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q4. Have you ever been the victim of discrimination or reverse discrimination while getting healthcare for yourself or a family member?

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

Q5. How often do you think about your race? Would you say...

- 1 Never
- 2 Once a year
- 3 Once a month
- 4 Once a week
- 5 Once a day
- 6 Once an hour
- 8 Constantly
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q6. If you could choose, would you prefer to be treated by a doctor of your own race or ethnic group, another race or ethnic group, or do you have no preference?

- 1 Prefer doctor of own race/ethnic group
- 2 Another race or ethnic group
- 3 No preference
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q7. In your day to day life, have you ever felt that people act as if they think you are dishonest?

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

Q8. About how often would you say this happens? Would you say Never, Rarely, Sometimes, or Often?

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q9. In your opinion, how well do you think blacks are treated in your community--the same as whites, not very well, or badly?

- 1 Same as whites
- 2 Not very well
- 3 Badly
- 4 Better (volunteered)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q9A Other Specify

Q10. Are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites on the job or at work?

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

Q11. Are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites in the stores downtown or at the shopping mall?

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

Q12. Are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites in restaurants, bars, theaters, or other entertainment places?

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

Q13. Are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites in dealing with the police, such as traffic incidents?

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

Q14. Are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites in getting healthcare from doctors or hospitals?

- 1 Yes, treated less fairly
- 2 No, treated same/better
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q15. Which comes closer to your beliefs, overall?

- 1 Blacks have more health problems than whites
- 2 Whites have more health problems than blacks
- 3 Both races have same amount of health problems
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q15SP Other Specify

[Note: Q16 is left blank]

Now I have a few questions about your attitudes and experiences when you get medical care. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you Strongly Agree, Somewhat Agree, Somewhat Disagree, or Strongly Disagree.

Q17. My health largely depends on how well I take care of myself.

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

Q18. I think staying healthy is a matter of luck more than anything else.

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

Q19. I leave it to doctors to make the right decisions about my health.

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

Q20. It is generally better to take care of your own health than to go to the doctor.

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

Q21. In general, how would you describe your own health? Would you say it is Excellent, Very Good, Good, Only Fair, or Poor?

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

Q22. Do you currently have any health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, or high blood pressure, or cancer?

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

Q22SP Other specify

Q23. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of health care you have received during the last 2 years? Would you say you are Very Satisfied, Somewhat Satisfied, Somewhat Dissatisfied, or Very Dissatisfied?

- 1 Very Satisfied
- 2 Somewhat Satisfied
- 3 Somewhat Dissatisfied
- 4 Very Dissatisfied
- 5 No health care in past 2 years
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q24. Where do you usually go when you are sick or need health care? To a doctor's office, a private clinic, a public health clinic, a hospital emergency room, or some other place?

- 1 Doctor's Office
- 2 Private Clinic (doctor's group, urgent care, Medi-Stat)
- 3 Public clinic (Health Dept, Public Health Unit)
- 4 Hospital emergency room
- 5 Some other place
- 6 No regular place of care (VOLUNTEERED)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused
- 10 Never go to get healthcare
- 11 VA/Military Hospital
- Q24SP Other [specify

Q25. How much choice do you have in where you go for medical care? Would you say that you have a great deal, some, very little, or no choice?

- 1 A great deal of choice
- 2 Some choice
- 3 Very little choice
- 4 No choice
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

In general, how often do you visit a doctor or medical clinic for any reason, including check-ups or visits to the emergency room or hospital?

Q26 Ranges based upon responses

Q27. Do you have a regular doctor or other health professional, such as a nurse or a midwife, you usually go to when you are sick or need health care?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Has more than one regular doctor (VOLUNTEERED)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q28. Which best describes the race of (your regular doctor/ the doctor you last saw) for health care?»

- 1 White
- 2 Black or African American
- 3 Hispanic or Latino
- 4 Asian
- 5 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- 6 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know
- Q28SP Other [specify

Q29. Which best describes the racial composition of the staff where you regularly go for health care/ you last went for health care? Would you say all of the staff are the same race as you, most of the staff are the same race as you, some of the staff are the same race as you, or none of the staff are the same race as you?

- 1 All
- 2 Most
- 3 Some
- 4 None
- 5 About equal amount of all groups
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

For each of the following statements, please tell me if you Strongly agree, Somewhat agree, Somewhat disagree, or Strongly disagree.

Q30. I feel that doctors understand my background and values.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Somewhat disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 5 Don't have a doctor (VOLUNTEERED)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q31. I feel as if doctors look down on me and the way I live my life.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Somewhat disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 5 Don't have a doctor (VOLUNTEERED)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q32. Has there ever been a time when you had a medical problem but put off, postponed, or did not seek medical care when you needed to?

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

If Yes

Q33. What was the most important reason why you put off, postponed, or did not get the medical care you needed?

- 1 Cost
 - 2 Distrust of Doctors
 - 3 Don't know where to go
 - 4 Don't believe in doctors/medicine
 - 5 Don't have child care
 - 6 God's Will/Fatalism
 - 7 Don't know
 - 8 Fear of diagnosis/afraid
 - 9 Refused
 - 10 Just didn't get around to it
 - 11 Too painful
 - 12 Too busy/Don't have time
 - 13 Transportation/no way to get there
 - 15 Didn't think it was necessary/serious
- Q33SP Other [specify]

Q34. Has there ever been a time you did not follow a doctor's advice because you did not trust the doctor?

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

Q35. In general, how much confidence and trust do you have in doctors . . . a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or none at all?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not too much
- 4 None at all
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q36. How much respect and dignity do doctors show to you...a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or none at all?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not too much
- 4 None at all
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q37. In general, do doctors involve you in decisions about your care as much as you wanted, almost as much as you wanted, less than you wanted, or a lot less than you wanted?

- 1 As much as wanted
- 2 Almost as much
- 3 Less than wanted
- 4 A lot less than wanted
- 5 More than I wanted (VOLUNTERRED)
- 6 Not Applicable/Never had decisions to be made
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q38. Thinking about all of the experiences you have had with health care visits, have you ever felt that the doctors or medical staff you saw judged you unfairly or treated you with disrespect because of your ability to pay for the care or the type of health insurance you have?

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

Q39. Thinking about all of the experiences you have had with health care visits, have you ever felt that the doctors or medical staff you saw judged you unfairly or treated you with disrespect because of your race?

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

Q40. What happened to make you feel you were judged unfairly or treated with disrespect?

- 1 Doctor or staff talked down to me
- 2 Heard staff say something negative about me
- 3 Kept me waiting
- 4 Took other patients instead of me/treated other patients bet
- 5 Was refused care/Had difficulty getting care
- 6 Received substandard services/Provider didn't do something
- 7 Don't know
- 8 Didn't spend enough time/Rushed
- 9 Refused
- 10 Acted negatively or disrespectfully/Rude/impolite
- 11 Didn't listen or pay enough attention to me/Ignored me
- 12 Didn't explain things well or at all
- 13 Doctor cared too much about money
- 14 Difficulties dealing with finances
- 15 Problems dealing with insurance
- 16 Treated unfairly or unequal
- 17 Did not understand the question (VOLUNTEERED)

Q40SP Other [specify]

Q41. Over the last two years, has a family member or friend been treated unfairly when seeking medical care specifically because of race?

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

Q42. Research shows that blacks are more likely to have health problems such as heart disease, diabetes, and strokes as compared to whites. What do you think is the main reason that blacks are more likely to have more health problems?

- 1 Biological (genetics, family history, body type, physical di
- 2 Social (lack of health care, poverty, educa, money, stress
- 3 Lifestyle (lack of exercise, way they live, diet, behavior)
- 4 Doesn't agree (volunteered)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q42SP Other [specify]

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

Q43AGE What is your age?

_____ years

777 - Don't know

999 - Refused

Q44SEX

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

Q45MAR. Are you currently...

- 1 Married
- 2 Divorced
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Separated
- 5 Never been married, OR
- 6 A member of an unmarried couple
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q46ED. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

- 1 None or Grade 1-4
- 2 Grade 5-7
- 3 Grade 8
- 4 High School (Incomplete)
- 5 High School Graduate (or GED)
- 6 Technical/Trade School/Associate degree
- 8 College (Incomplete)
- 10 College Graduate
- 11 Master's Degree
- 12 Professional Degree (PhD, MD, lawyer)
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q47. Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, pre-paid plans such as HMO's, or government plans such as Medicare?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not applicable
- 7 Don't know/Not Sure
- 9 Refused

Q48CH. 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.

888 - NONE

777 - Don't know

999 - Refused

Q49WORK. 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
- 10 Student
- 8 Retired
- 11 Disabled
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Can you think of any occasion in the last 30 days when you were treated unfairly because you were BLACK . . .

BLACK RESPONDENTS ONLY

Q50 In a store where you were shopping?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Ref

Q51 At your place of work

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

Q52 In a restaurant, bar, theater, or other entertainment place?

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

Q53 In dealing with the police, such as traffic incidents?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Ref

Q54 While getting healthcare for yourself or a family member?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not Applicable
- 7 Don't know
- 9 Ref

Q55 If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 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
- 7 Less than 75,000
- 8 Less than 100,000
- 9 More than 100,000
- 777 Don't know
- 999 Refused

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