

The Perceived Online Racism Scale (PORS v1.0)

INSTRUCTIONS: We are interested in your personal experiences of racism in online settings as you interact with others and surf the Internet. As you answer the questions below, please think about your online experiences in the **past 6 months in relation to your race/ethnicity.**

Please rate your responses based on the following options:
1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often, 5=Always.

In the past 6 months, I have...

1. Received racist insults regarding my online profile (e.g., profile pictures, user ID).
2. Been kicked out of an online social group because I talked about race/ethnicity.
3. Been intentionally invited to join racist online social groups/hate groups.
4. Received replies/posts suggesting that I should avoid connecting online with friends from my own racial/ethnic group.
5. Received racist insults about how I write online.
6. Been threatened of being harmed or killed due to my race/ethnicity.
7. Received replies/posts hinting that my success is surprising for a person of my race/ethnicity.
8. Received a message with a racist acronym such as FOB (Fresh Off the Boat) or PIBBY (Put In Black's BackYard).
9. Been harassed by someone (e.g., troll) who started a racist argument about me for no reason.
10. Received a racist meme (e.g., racist catchphrases, captioned photos, #hashtags etc.).
11. Been tagged in (or shared) racist content (e.g., websites, photos, videos, posts) insulting my race/ethnicity.
12. Received posts with racist comments.
13. Received replies/posts hinting that what I share online cannot be trusted due to my race/ethnicity.
14. Been unfriended/lost online ties because I disagreed with racist posts.
15. Been informed about a viral/trending racist event happening elsewhere (e.g., in a different location).
16. Been informed about unfairness in healthcare for racial/ethnic minorities (e.g., biased quality of treatment, insurance issues).
17. Seen online videos (e.g., YouTube) that portray my racial/ethnic group negatively.
18. Encountered online resources (e.g., Urban Dictionary) promoting negative racial/ethnic stereotypes as if they are true.
19. Been informed about unfairness in financial gains for racial/ethnic minorities (e.g., earning less money than Whites for doing the same work, unfair housing and loan opportunities).
20. Been informed about unfairness in education for racial/ethnic minorities (e.g., higher suspension rates for racial/ethnic minority students).
21. Been informed about a viral/trending racist event that I was not aware of.

22. Seen online news articles that describe my racial/ethnic group negatively.
23. Seen photos (e.g., Google images) that portray my racial/ethnic group negatively.
24. Encountered a viral/trending online racist content (e.g., many likes, stars).
25. Encountered online hate groups/communities against non-White racial/ethnic groups
26. Seen other racial/minority users receive racist comments.
27. Seen other racial/minority users being treated like a second-class citizen.
28. Seen other racial/minority users being treated like a criminal.
29. Seen other racial/minority users receive racist insults regarding their online profile (e.g., profile pictures, user ID).
30. Seen other racial/minority users being threatened to be harmed or killed.

Scoring

Personal Experiences of Racial Cyber-Aggression (PERCA): Items 1-14

Online-Mediated Exposure to Racist Reality (OMERR): Items 15-25

Vicarious Exposure to Racial Cyber-Aggression (VERCA): Items 26-30

- Total scale score: add up the scores of all of the items and calculate the mean score
- Subscale scores: add up the scores of all of the items for each subscale and calculate the mean score

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