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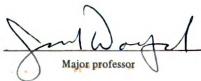
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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this study was to examine mass media influence, specifically television influence, on the racial attitudes of majority and minority children. This study drew from the symbolic interactionist perspective in development of a theoretical framework whose basic propositions were that (1) the determination of media effects is embedded in a processual environment; (2) for any given set of effects, the attitudes and actions of specific others affect the attitudes and actions of the individual; (3) those individuals who affect the attitudes and actions of the individual are subject to the same kinds of influences as the individual; (4) the central behavioral term of self or self-concept primarily stems from interaction with others; (5) self or self-concept undergoes an interpretative process which mediates the influence of specific others and the media; (6) the cognitive processes of reasoning, thinking, and intelligence influence the interpretive process; (7) different attitudes are held toward different representations of the same class of objects; (8) these different attitudes reciprocally influence one another, and (9) as influences in the

environment of the individual change, attitudes held by the individual also change.

On the basis of the theoretic rationale and other considerations relevant to media influence, a causal model encompassing six exogenous variables and eight endogenous variables was developed. The six exogenous variables were (1) frequency of exposure to television portrayals; (2) perceived treatment of minority and majority individuals by other media; (3) perceived significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals; (4) perceived significant others' attitudes toward mental ability; (5) number of minority and majority individuals known well; and (6) socioeconomic status. The eight endogenous variables were (1) knowledge of television portrayals; (2) self-interaction; (3) perceived mental ability; (4) self-concept; (5) media perception; (6) generalized reality; (7) attitude toward television portrayals, and (8) attitude toward ethnic groups apart from television portrayals. Two variations of the general model were examined: one for the influence of black portrayals, and the other for the influence of white portrayals.

It was hypothesized that influence would be exerted by frequency of exposure to the portrayals on knowledge of the portrayals, and self-interaction; perceived media treatment on attitude toward the ethnic group; socioeconomic status on self-concept; and number of minority and majority individuals known well on self-interaction. As number of minority and majority individuals known well increased, it was hypothesized to negatively influence the level of generalized reality.

Reciprocal influences were posited between perceived significant others' attitudes toward mental ability and perceived mental ability; self-concept and attitude toward the ethnic group; perceived significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals and the attitude toward television portrayals; attitude toward television portrayals and attitude toward the ethnic group.

The sample consisted of 241 third and fifth grade children in the Lansing and Ingham Intermediate school districts. The children from the Lansing district were enrolled in racially integrated schools while the children from the Ingham district were enrolled in a racially nonintegrated school. In all, there were 142 white children, 68 black children, 25 Chicano children, 4 Native American children, and 2 children of other races. The final survey questionnaire was administered by trained interviewers in March and May, 1975, and pretested by trained interviewers in February, 1975. The final questionnaire which consisted of stimulus pictures of black and white television characters, and open-ended and closed-ended questions, took about one hour to complete.

The statistical design initially proposed a nonrecursive path analytic model to represent the hypothesized reciprocal influences. Preliminary data examinations, however, did not support a test of the nonrecursive model on the given data set. A revised model was estimated by weighted multiple regression techniques for evidence of covariation in specifying a more correct model.

Given the misspecification of the model caution was suggested in the interpretation of the path coefficients. Overall,

results of the model for black portrayals generally yielded higher explained variance and more significant relationships than results for white portrayals across the entire sample. The path coefficients consistently explaining the most variation in the endogenous variables for both black and white portrayals were the hypothesized relationships between (a) perceived significant others' attitudes toward the television portrayals and the respondent's attitude toward these portrayals; (b) perceived significant others' attitudes toward mental ability and self-concept; and (c) perceived significant others' attitudes toward mental ability and the respondent's perceived mental ability.

Those variables which generally explained no or slight variation in the endogenous variables were the relationships between (a) socioeconomic status and self-concept; (b) mental ability and media perception, and (c) knowledge of the portrayals and self-interaction.

Discussion of the research findings focused on reconceptualization and remeasurement of the variables as cast in a reciprocal influence model.

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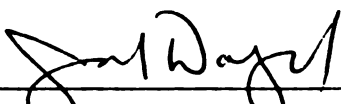
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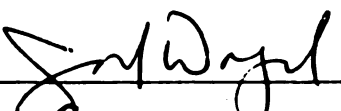
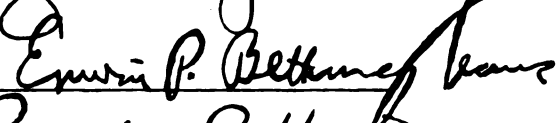

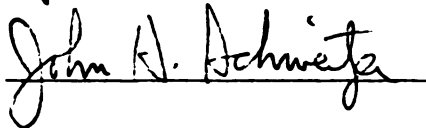
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The formulation of the symbolic interactionist perspective began in America in the early 1900s through the publications of Charles H. Cooley, John Dewey, W. I. Thomas, and others. The most complete delineation of the perspective appears in the volume Mind, Self, and Society (1934), based on the writings and lectures of George Herbert Mead.

The perspective which posits the individual and society as symbolic-action units arose from early philosophic positions of pragmatism. As the basis of these positions, individual action was regarded as the mode to test the accuracy of any hypothesis, and thus as the locus of reality. This action orientation was developed and represented by William James in his formulation of a pragmatic test of truth, Dewey in his theory of instrumentalism, and Mead in his philosophy of action. Although action could be easily related to the individual within this view, it did not apply as readily to societal responses and the individual. Societal responses result from deliberation and discussion by its members who choose courses of action affecting in turn, its members. This consensus, then, regarding the means and ends of action in society lent a dynamic character to interaction (Weinberg, 1962:403). This

consideration led to a more complete formulation of action between the individual and society giving rise to symbolic interactionism.

A concern of this writer has been the possible application of this base to mass media research. One of the best known students and interpreters of symbolic interactionism, Herbert Blumer (1969: 191), also has suggested such an application:

What seems to be needed is a different scheme of analysis --one that will respect the central features of the mass communicative process as it exists in the world of real happening The features of this process seem to be: the variant and changing character of the presentations of the media, the variant and changing character of the sensitivities of people touched by the media, the process of interpretation that intervenes between the presentation and its effect . . . and the incorporation of media, presentations, and people in a world of moving events that imparts an evolving character to each of them.

Purpose

The purpose of this chapter then is to examine the symbolic interactionist perspective for useful concepts to be applied to the study of mass media effects. As an underlying goal this examination will be directed toward impact of the media on the racial attitudes of majority and minority children. Based on this purpose, two questions arise: (1) Why examine the symbolic interactionist perspective for the study of media effects? and (2) Why single out concepts within that perspective?

For the first question it is relevant to briefly consider two major and interrelated aspects of the interactionist perspective. The first aspect emphasizes the study of socialization of the child and is considered social-psychological in focus. The second aspect

emphasizes the study of social organizations and social processes and is considered sociological in focus (Rose, 1962:viii).

These two aspects directly relate to the study of mass media effects on children. Such effects may be both general and specific. The general effects are concerned with the social and psychological aspects faced by a child in a society where the media are an important and pervasive influence. The specific effects are concerned with the direct exposure of a child to various media content (Bailyn, 1959:1). These media effects then, encompass the social-psychological focus of the perspective.

In addition, media effects on children may be direct or indirect (Bailyn, 1959:1). Direct effects are closely related to specific effects. Based on media exposure, direct effects are concerned with aspects of media content that interact with characteristics within the child. This position is also social-psychological in focus. Indirect effects, however, are concerned with the influence of the media on others whose behavior in turn affects the child. These effects are within the sociological focus of the perspective if the structured nature of the influence of others is considered.

A final point should be made concerning the choice of the interactionist perspective for the study of media effects on children. Another characteristic of this perspective is that objects,¹ selves, situations, and definitions for objects, selves and situations are constantly in flux within human behavior. They are constantly being defined, interpreted, negotiated, acted, and acted

upon to yield new meanings (see, Mead, 1934; Rose, 1962; Denzin, 1968; Blumer, 1972). This emphasis on the processual nature of human activity distinguishes the thought and direction of interactionists from most adherents of "functional" theory in sociology (Rose, 1962:ix).

Functional or mechanistic theory has been described by Zigler and Child (1969) as concerned with the investigation of functional relationships between discrete response and stimulus events. The major aspects considered to be important in determining the functional relationship between a stimulus and a response are past reinforcement in regard to the stimulus and the relative satiation concerning the reinforcement. Gordon (1974:4) has further characterized this approach as external orientation by the individual exclusive of internal orientation, and an emphasis on the antecedent-consequent approach where cause-effect or stimulus response relations condition behavior.

The functional approach has characterized most media research (Gordon, 1974:14-15). This emphasis is apparent in any review of media functions and effects. Such schemes usually posit functions and effects of the media as arousal, activation, reinforcement, and pacification. By examining and categorizing such functions, media researchers have given tacit, if not explicit consent to the functional approach.

But media stimuli and the response of individuals to these stimuli are not meaningfully described as discrete. Media content and individuals who are exposed to this content are undergoing

continuous change. Studies of media effects then, must rely on a framework that considers this processual nature rather than a framework that is functional, mechanistic, or static in nature.

With the rationale presented for the appropriateness of the symbolic interactionist perspective for the study of media effects, let us briefly consider the second question of why concepts are selected for focussed study.

Many researchers have suggested that symbolic interactionism is not a general theory of human behavior in that it does not include all the variables thought to be important in explaining human behavior. These researchers maintain, rather, that symbolic interactionism is a perspective or an orientation (Stryker, 1967; L. Rose, 1972). This position is subscribed to here because it allows a more viable framework in which alternative formulations may be enriched by incorporating concepts of the symbolic interactionist perspective.

In addition to this feature of flexibility lies a practical concern in that the perspective cannot be tested in its entirety.

Stryker (1962:42) has observed that:

No single study can test all the implications of a theory as complex as Mead's; one must take much of it for granted, testing only specified aspects.²

With this overview then, this chapter will (1) discuss major assumptions and state basic propositions of the perspective; (2) examine concepts from this perspective deemed relevant to the study of media effects, and (3) develop a conceptual framework for the study of media effects based on this perspective.

Assumptions of Symbolic Interactionism

The bases from which the assumptions stem have been presented in the purpose statement. These bases are the social-psychological and sociological emphases within the perspective. The distinction between these social-psychological and sociological emphases has not always been accurate or well-defined. Cooley and Mead, however, suggested that such a distinction is not entirely necessary since the socialized individual and the society are really two facets of the same gestalt (Rose, 1962:viii).

These assumptions are drawn from several published interactionists, and an attempt is made to place these assumptions in logical order. However, some overlap may be noted which is due to the present writer's view of symbolic interactionism as a highly integrated orientation and not heedless redundancy. Only those assumptions considered relevant to the scope of this paper will be presented.

The first assumption is that the child entering life, the newborn, is neither social nor anti-social, but asocial with the potentialities for social development (Stryker, 1967:373).

The second assumption is that individuals live in a symbolic environment as well as a physical environment, and can be stimulated to act by symbols as well as by physical stimuli. Symbols are defined as stimuli that have learned meaning and value. For example, a chair is not only a collection of visual, aural, and tactile stimuli, but it "means" an object on which people sit; if a person sits on a chair it will "respond" by holding the person; it has a

"value" for that purpose. A meaning is equivalent to a "true" dictionary definition, referring to the way in which people actually use a term in their behavior. A value is the learned attraction or repulsion they feel toward the meaning (Rose, 1962:5).

The third assumption is that through symbols, individuals have the capacity to stimulate others in ways other than those in which they themselves are stimulated. Here Rose suggests the notion of intent; that is, an individual communicates to another to evoke meanings and values intended to be evoked. Rose notes the oversimplification of this assumption including (1) that the meaning evoked is seldom, if ever, completely identical for two persons; (2) that the meaning evoked is not necessarily the one intended; and (3) that the meaning may be only partial and anticipatory of communication of other meanings (1962:7).

The fourth assumption is that the most fruitful approach to human social behavior is through an analysis of society. The symbolic interactionist perspective begins its analysis with the social act. The basic unit of observation is an interaction; from interaction both society and the individual emerge. This formulation permits an articulation between social psychology and sociology which alternative frameworks can forge. The study of social psychology and sociology begin with the same "building bricks": social actions. Social psychology builds in one direction to the behavior of individuals. Sociology builds in another direction to the behavior of collectivities (Stryker, 1967:373).

The next two assumptions have already been presented in the purpose statement. They are (1) that human behavior and the social environment are continually changing; and (2) that behaviors, influences, and objects are assigned meaning and given interpretation by individuals (Mead, 1934:79, 93, 404; Mead, 1938:xlvi, lli). Commenting on these assumptions, Blumer (1969:61) said of Mead:

He reversed the traditional assumptions underlying philosophical, psychological, and sociological thought to the effect that human beings possess minds and consciousness as original 'givens,' that they live in worlds of pre-existing and selfconstituted objects, that their behavior consists of responses to such objects, and that group life consists of the association of such reacting human organisms.

The seventh assumption is that the meaning of objects is derived from or arises out of the social interaction that one has with others (Blumer, 1972:401).

The eighth assumption is that an individual defines or has a meaning for self as well as other objects, actions, and characteristics. The definition of self as a specific role-player in a given relationship is what Mead calls a "me." William James observed that each of us has as many selves as there are groups to which we belong. In Mead's terms this would be a defined "me" corresponding to each of our roles.

This perception of self as a whole, Mead called the "I" or "self-conception." Mead distinguished the "I" and "me" as follows: The "I" is the response of the individual to the attitudes of others; the "me" is the organized set of attitudes of others which one assumes. The attitudes of others constitute the sum; the

individual has parts of self which are reflections of relationships with others (Rose, 1962:11). Another way of saying this is that only in communication can one get outside of self, take the attitude of another, and achieve a reflected view of the self as object from these other standpoints (Stone and Farberman, 1970:370).

The ninth assumption is that an individual receives views of self from certain or specific other individuals. These other individuals are referred to as reference groups. Mead used the term "other," although he is often credited with using the term "significant other" or "significant others" for these groups. As Haller, Woelfel and Fink (1968:14) note, the term "significant other(s)" is accurately attributed to Harry Stack Sullivan.

This section has presented nine of the major assumptions of the symbolic interactionist perspective. In the next section concepts intrinsic to the perspective and derived from these assumptions will be discussed.

Concepts Within Symbolic Interactionism

The concepts of act, action, social acts, and social interaction are often used interchangeably by many symbolic interactionists. L. Rose (1972:16) offers this description of social acts:

Acts are social to the extent that they involve other human beings or other objects in the environment as defined by the group. This suggests that objects are consensually defined as maintained by Sullivan (1953). All acts are not social.

As the foundation of the perspective, the concept(s) of act, social act, or social interaction, is, in the opinion of the

writer, the most richly developed aspect of that perspective. As Blumer (1972:406) states, George Herbert Mead offers "the most penetrating analysis" of the social act.

Based on Mead, Blumer suggests that social interaction is critically important and significant in its own right. Blumer (1972:405-6) contrasts the treatment of social interaction in most functionalist frameworks with that of symbolic interactionism:

[T]ypical sociological and psychological schemes treat social interaction as merely a medium through . . . which the determinants of behavior pass to produce such factors as status position, cultural prescriptions, norms, values, sanctions, role demands, and social-system requirements; explanation in terms of such factors suffices without paying attention to the social interaction that their play necessarily presupposes. Similarly, in the typical psychological scheme such factors as motives, attitudes, hidden complexes, elements of psychological organization, and psychological processes are used to account for behavior. . . .

Symbolic interactionism does not merely give a ceremonious nod to social interaction, It recognizes social interaction as being of vital importance in its own right. This importance lies in the fact that social interaction is a process that forms human conduct instead of being merely a means or a setting for the expression or release of human conduct. Put simply, human beings, in interacting with one another, have to take account of what the other is doing or is about to do; they are forced to direct their own conduct or handle their situations in terms of what they take into account . . . in the face of the actions of others one may abandon an intention or purpose, revise it, check or suspend it, intensify it, or replace it.

This section has been quoted at length because it concisely summarizes the more protracted explanation of Mead on social interaction. (The reader is specifically referred to Mead, 1934:7-8, 23-24, 118n, 210-11, 311-17).

A form of (social interaction) is the use of "significant symbols" or ("symbolic interaction.") Mead clarifies the meaning

of significant symbols or symbolic interaction in several significant passages:

There is a whole series of possible responses. There are certain types of these responses which are in all of us, and there are others which vary with the individuals . . . (1934:71).

It is, of course, the relationship of this symbol, this vocal gesture, to such a set of responses in the individual himself as well as in the other, that makes of that vocal gesture what I call a significant symbol. A symbol does tend to call out in the individual a group of reactions such as it calls out in the other . . . (1934:71).

Now, if that response can be given in terms of an attitude utilized for the further control of action, then the relation of that stimulus and attitude is what we mean by a significant symbol (1934:181).

~~Our thinking that goes on, as we say, inside of us, is a play of symbols in the above sense. Through gestures responses are called out in our own attitudes, and as soon as they are called out they evoke, in turn, other attitudes. What was the meaning now becomes a symbol which has another meaning. The meaning has itself become a stimulus to another response (1934:181).~~

The significant symbol is nothing but that part of the act which serves as a gesture to call out the other part of the process, the response of the other, in the experience of the form that makes the gesture (1934:268).

As the wellspring of symbolic interactionism, social interaction gives rise to a series of highly interrelated, but distinguishable concepts. These concepts are: meaning, categories, significant others or reference groups, self, self-interaction (self-indication, self-reflexive activity, reasoning, interpretation), and attitudes.

Perhaps the most difficult concept to define within symbolic interactionism (or in general) is meaning. The one definition that

could be found in the writings of Mead is ". . . a statement of what the nature of the object is . . ." (1934:91).

Although later interactionists have stressed the importance of the concept "meaning," and devoted considerable space in describing the concept, Mead is the only one who seems to offer a direct definition. Within his definition and description of meaning, Mead stresses social interaction and communication.

Dewey says that meaning arises through communication. It is to the content to which the social process gives rise that this statement refers; not to bare ideas or printed words as such, but to the social process which has been so largely responsible for the objects constituting the daily environment in which we live: a process in which communication plays the main part (1934:79).

Communication gives to us those elements of response which can be held in the mental field. We do not carry them out, but they are there constituting the meanings of these objects which we indicate. Language is a process of indicating certain stimuli and changing the response to them in the system of behavior. Language as a social process has made it possible for us to pick out responses and hold them . . . so that they are there in relation to that which we indicate (1934:97).

Garretson (1967:337) sums up the position of the perspective in regard to this concept:

[S]ymbolic interactionism . . . is focussed upon the importance of language as an instrument of definition and communication. People are seen as responding not directly to a resistant outer reality but to meanings of objects which are defined within a cultural system and social organization.

Language is a system of significant symbols arising in the process of social interaction. By inference, then, language is a system of shared meanings and shared behavior. As such, language or symbols are used to organize behavior toward objects. When symbols

are organized to indicate generalizations of behavior toward objects, or classifications of objects, these symbolizations are known as categories.

Stryker (1967:375) summarizes:

To categorize is to apply a class term to a number of objects, to signify that a number of different things are, for certain purposes, to be treated as the same kind of thing. Classification or categorization is essential to activity, for life would be impossible if one were forced to respond to every object in the world as unique. Class terms, or categories, are of course, symbols. They have meaning, they are cues to behavior, and they organize behavior.

Humans respond to a classified world, one whose salient features are named and placed into categories indicating their significance for behavior. In short, humans do not respond to the environment as physically given, but to an environment as it is mediated through symbols--to a symbolic environment.

A category frequently discussed by symbolic interactionists is "status" or "position." While category appears to be a more generic term for objects (e.g., men, women, children, chairs, houses, jewelry), status or position refers to more specifically defined subsets of categories. For example, the status or position terms for the general categories of men and women, could include: mother, professor, drill instructor, playboy, intellectual, black sheep, nurse, and so forth.

There are two senses in which status or position are discussed within symbolic interactionism: (1) the organization of behavior toward individuals in a different status or position; and (2) the status or position of self (and/or the reference group identified with self) relative to individuals in a different status or position.

When individuals are placed in categories the result is a set of expectations regarding the behavior of those individuals. Behavior toward those individuals then, is organized based on these expectations. Shibutani suggests that many of the expectations regarding the behavior of others are learned serendipitously or as side issues. As an example, Shibutani refers to ways in which children learn their social position. He also cites a study by Quinn (1954) of how white children learn ethnic distinctions (Shibutani, 1961:482, 484):

Quinn found that direct instruction is relatively infrequent. It occurs only after some incident in which a child has violated the 'color line'--inviting a Negro friend to a birthday party and eating side by side at the same table or referring to a Negro woman as a "lady." Justifications are not always given in ethnic terms; often the children are asked simply to trust their elders.

Indirect techniques of training are sometimes used; children are permitted to eavesdrop on adult conversations about the immoral conduct of some Negro

Once the appropriate orientations are established, they are repeatedly reinforced in social interaction. The reaffirmation of ethnic categories provides a good example. The mistaken belief that Negroes are inferior objects is inadvertently strengthened in jokes The stereotype of the penurious Jew is reinforced in the same manner

In considering the role of self relative to others, one must begin with the role of reference groups or significant others. Earlier in this paper it was noted that some symbolic interactionists use the term "reference groups" or "reference relationships" (Shibutani, 1955; Kuhn, 1964; Rose, 1962); others prefer the term "significant others" (Sullivan, 1947; Stryker, 1967; L. Rose, 1972; Refky, 1973), and still others use the terms interchangeably

(Brooks, 1967). While writers have used both terms, or argued for the use of one term or the other, only one group of writers, Haller, Woelfel and Fink (1968:16-17), appear to have drawn a clear conceptual history and relationship between the two concepts. Summarizing their discussion, they report:

Generally, significant others and reference groups are seen to perform the same function and to use the same processes to do so. Probably the only basic difference between the two is that the term reference group tends to call one's attention to clusters of persons while significant other has a singular connotation [I]n many areas of life a person may be more likely to be influenced by specific other persons (e.g., my father, my best friend, my teacher, Mr. X, . . .) than by groups. Reference groups can be recaptured from clusters of significant others; but . . . significant others are lost in reference groups.

It is this position which is subscribed to here. Reference groups are seen as a broader class or grouping of people, while significant others are seen as a more specific subset of that class or group. The attitudes of significant others impinge on the individual, shaping and directing the behavior of that individual.

An individual internalizes the roles of significant others. The identity of an individual is a composite of roles, identities, and attitudes which significant others exhibit vis-à-vis the individual. Self, then, arises directly from the interaction process with these significant others (Mead, 1934; Blumer, 1966; L. Rose, 1972; Shibutani, 1961, 1966; Refky, 1973; Couch, 1967). Refky (1973:53) emphasizes the processual relationship between significant others and self:

It is not useful to conceive of socialization as a process that ends at some point in the biography of the individual. Thus, a change in significant others leads to a corresponding

change in identity: a child interacts with new significant others and, therefore, makes additions to the sediment of . . . the self-system or identity . . . (of the child). For an individual to maintain a stable identity, the presence of significant others must be continuous.

It has been necessary to discuss the role of significant others before proceeding to a discussion of the perceived status of self vis-à-vis others of a different status or position. That relationship will be considered now.

Shibutani (1961) asserts that status is a social process. Status is ascribed only in relation to others who recognize this status and approach the individual accordingly. The significance of status is that it allows the individual to have a sense of superiority over others. This sense of superiority and its relationship to significant others and self is pointedly discussed by Mead.

Mead (1934:205, 207-8) states there is a continuous demand to regard oneself as in some way superior to others. This feeling of superiority is intensified when:

. . . It belongs to a self that identifies itself with the group We all believe that the group we are in is superior to other groups . . . on the whole we depend upon a common recognition that other people are not quite as good as we are We have to distinguish ourselves from other people and this is accomplished by doing something which other people cannot do, or cannot do as well.⁴

The preceding discussion has focussed on the organization of behavior toward others and the status of self vis-à-vis others. But there are many other categories besides status in which an individual may place himself or herself. When an individual applies categories to classify and define who he or she is (in the same way that the

individual applies categories to others), the individual is said to have a "self" or "self-conception."

Mead (1934:138 ff; 1938:445) notes that the self is that which is an object to itself. That is, the notion of self arises from the sustained frequency with which the individual is responded to by others, and the ability of the individual to respond to himself or herself in the same way that the individual perceives others respond to the individual. The conception of self then, is basically a reflection of attributes of the individual "as they are mirrored in the reactions imputed to other people" (Shibutani, 1961:239). It is what Cooley (1902) meant by the "looking glass self." Mead (1934:135-178) describes this ability to assume alternate roles as the extent to which an individual develops a "generalized other" in the formation of self-concept.

The notion of self suggests interaction, emergence, reflection, renewal, activity, process. Appropriately, this process has been variously referred to by symbolic interactionists as self-interaction, self-indication, self-interpretation, self reflexive activity, and self activity. These "self acts" are the dynamic reorganization of all situational elements that define and affect self and the relationship of self to others. This reorganization is a merging of these elemental parts into a unity or totality within the Lebenswelt of the individual.

The foundation for these "self acts" stems from the processes implicated by reasoning, interpretation, thinking, or intelligence.

It is posited that the clarity of self activity is based on these cognitive processes of the individual (Waller, 1967; Stone and Farberman, 1967; Blumer, 1972; Woelfel, 1967; Mead, 1934, 1938; Kelly, 1955; Warshay, 1962; MacKay, 1973; Swanson, 1974). Within symbolic interactionism such concepts are considered indispensable to an interactionist approach. In fact, one symbolic interactionist has interpreted this part of the perspective to mean that "any scheme which rules out such concepts distorts the facts of human experience" (Stryker, 1967:377).

While it may appear that a concept such as "thinking" could not easily undergo scientific scrutiny, such terms are defined behavioristically within symbolic interaction for scientific analysis. Therefore, "thinking is defined as the internalized manipulation of symbols" (Stryker, 1967:377).

The final concept to be considered within this section is attitude. There are two senses in which the concept attitude is used in the sociological and psychological literature: (1) as a substitute for an act (Dewey, 1902, defined attitude in this sense, referring to it as a truncated act); and (2) a prior mental organization (or imitation) of an act that represents or determines a later response to the object of the attitude (Mead, 1934). In this sense, attitude actually represents an "incipient act" (Burke, 1945: 235 ff), as the beginning of an act toward an object.

Stone (1962:100) states these two uses of attitude are ambiguous. These uses are not viewed here as ambiguous, but rather

as distinct uses of the concept that represent different perspectives. Where Dewey viewed attitude as a complete replacement of behavior toward an object, Mead viewed attitude as the mental beginning of that behavior:

There is an organization . . . which represents not only that which is immediately taking place, but also the later stages that are to take place The later stages of the act are present in the early stages . . . in the sense that they serve to control the process itself. They determine how we are going to approach the object . . . (1934:11).

We have, then, in the behavioristic statement, a place for that which is supposed to be the peculiar content of mind, that is, the meaning of things. I have referred to these factors as attitudes (1934:126-27).

The Meadian use of attitude invokes the notion of a continuous and reciprocal influence. We are continually affecting others by our attitudes. As previously noted, we can reflect the attitudes of others toward ourselves, respond internally, and react. Through that response and reaction, we affect the attitudes of others. As Mead states, we are continually "exerting ourselves, bringing forward our own opinion, criticizing the attitudes of others, and approving or disapproving" (1934:180).

Because the modern use of attitude is not static, that use will be subscribed to here. This use appears more representative of what actually occurs in day-to-day affairs. An attitude is constantly subject to agreement, challenge, interpretation, and change.

This section has examined concepts deriving from relevant assumptions of the symbolic interactionist perspective. In the next

section, these concepts will be integrated into a framework for examining mass media effects on minority and majority children.

It is important to note that not every concept discussed here will be included in the framework. For every concept included, it is assumed that underlying concepts (e.g., social acts, generalized others) give rise to the more concrete concepts under investigation. Based on actual research, however, it should not be difficult to arrive at relationships between and among these concepts, or draw inferences concerning these and other concepts.

A Conceptual Framework for Mass Media Effects

From the preceding investigation of the symbolic interactionist perspective, nine theoretical propositions may be deduced for the study of mass media effects:

1. That the determination of media effects is embedded in a processual environment.
2. That for any given set of effects, the attitudes and actions of specific others affect the attitudes and actions of the individual.
3. That those individuals who affect the attitudes and actions of the individual are subject to the same kinds of influences as the individual. These influences include the reciprocal influence of the individual on those other individuals.
4. That the central behavioral term of self or self-concept primarily stems from interaction with others (it also may be argued

that notions of self derive from the mass media), and serves to mediate the influence of specific others and the media.

5. That self or self-concept undergoes an interpretive process by the individual that further mediates the influence of specific others and of the media.

6. That the cognitive processes of reasoning, thinking, and intelligence influence the interpretive process of the individual.

7. That an individual has different attitudes toward different representations of the same class of objects.

8. That these different attitudes toward representations of the same class of objects reciprocally influence one another.

9. That as influences in the environment of the individual change, attitudes held by the individual also change.

A model that incorporates these propositions follows. In the model, television content has been singled out as the specific influence under study.

The model proposes that an individual is exposed to information from several sources: television content, specific or significant others, real life or direct experience with the object of the television content (here, members of minority groups), and other media (newspapers, magazines, books, and radio).

The specific or significant others for the individual are also exposed to television content, specific or significant others, real life or direct experience with the object of the television

content, and other media. Specific or significant others are also influenced by the individual.

As information from differing sources impacts on the individual, it is evaluated in relationship to the self-concept of the individual. Self-concept primarily stems from interaction with others and exposure to the behaviors of others.

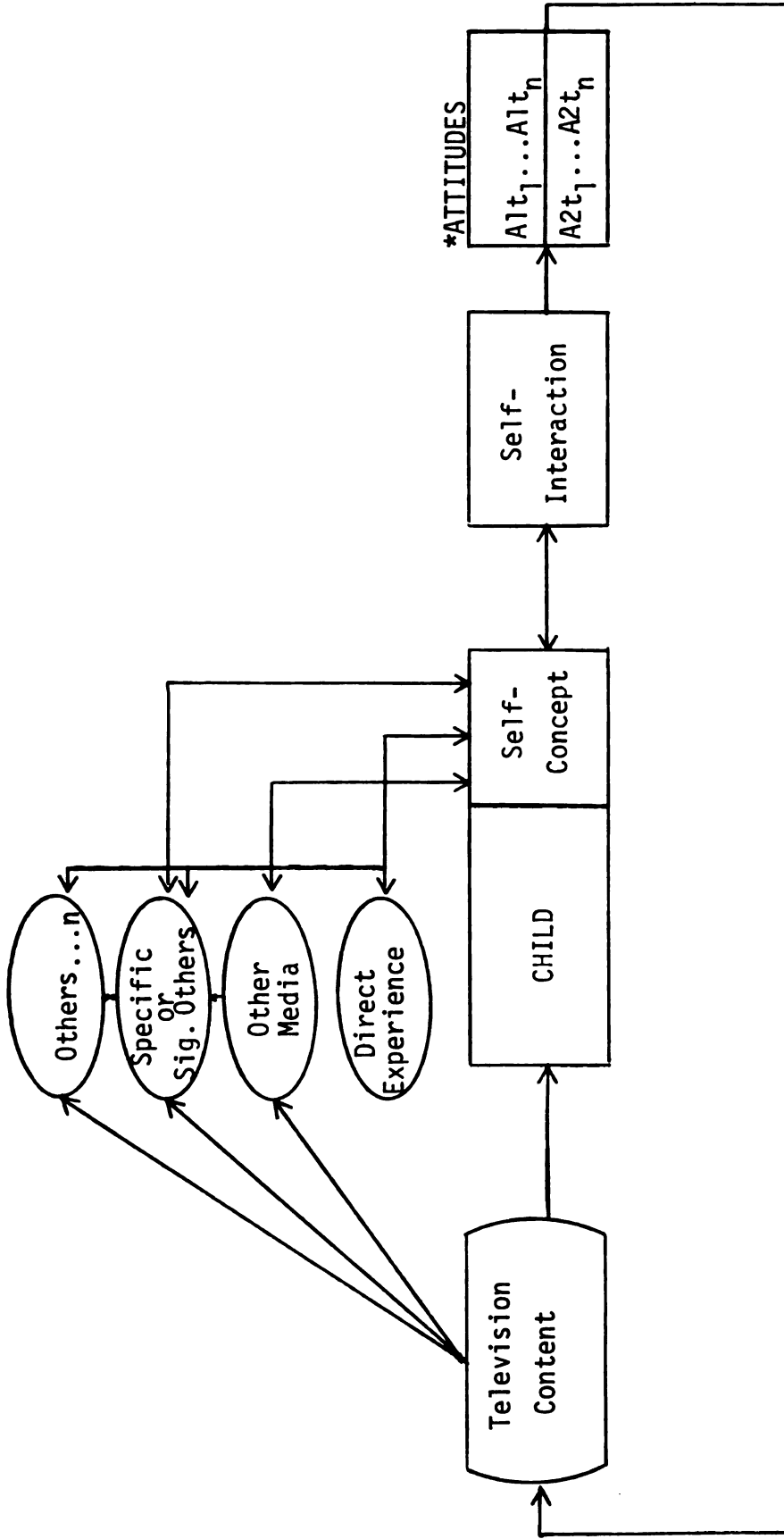
Self-concept is also influenced by an interpretive process of the individual toward self and toward the object of television content.

Underlying this interpretive process or self activity of the individual are cognitive abilities such as reasoning and thinking.

All of these factors coalesce to yield an attitude or attitudes toward an object. In this case, there are two attitudes from the same category of objects under consideration: an attitude toward televised portrayals of minorities, and an attitude toward minorities as perceived to exist apart from televised portrayals.

This process is continuous throughout the life of the individual. As changes occur in media content, significant others, and direct experience with the object, concomitant changes occur in self-concept, the interpretive process, and subsequent attitude(s). Such changes may activate, reinforce, or convert the previous attitude. In the reciprocal relationship that the individual has with others, changes in the attitude(s) of the individual will also affect others within the environment of the individual.

The model as discussed is presented in Figure 1.



*A1t₁...A1t_n = attitude toward televised portrayals of minorities over time A2t₂...A2t_n = attitude toward minorities as they exist apart from televised portrayals over time

Figure 1.--Conceptual Model of Influence Process.

In this section, nine theoretical propositions deduced from the symbolic interactionist perspective were set forth for the examination of media effects. A conceptual framework explicitly derived from these propositions was proposed. The propositions were, in turn, derived from the preceding content.

Summary

This chapter has examined the symbolic interactionist perspective for development of a conceptual framework applicable to the study of mass media effects on children. It initially examined the appropriateness of the perspective for such a study, and reasons for focussing on certain concepts within that perspective. It was suggested that the sociological and psychological emphases of the perspective, evolving around socialization of the child lent invaluable support to the appropriateness for examining media effects. It would be difficult if not impossible to test each concept of the perspective and therefore, only highly relevant concepts were identified.

The major assumptions and basic propositions of the perspective were discussed and relevant concepts deriving from these assumptions and propositions were examined.

Finally, these concepts were incorporated into a conceptual framework suggested to be a more highly explanatory approach to media effects than the mechanistic approach or modifications of that approach. In the next chapter, research implications of the theoretical background and conceptual framework presented in this chapter will be discussed.

CHAPTER I: FOOTNOTES

¹Blumer (1972:401) notes that objects include: physical objects, such as trees or chairs; other human beings, such as a mother or a store clerk; categories of human beings, such as friends or enemies; institutions, such as a school or a government; guiding ideals, such as individual independence or honesty; activities of others, such as their commands or requests; and such situations as an individual encounters in . . . daily life.

²It is to be noted that in this early statement (1962), Stryker referred to symbolic interactionism as a theory; yet as a previous statement in the chapter indicates, in 1967 Stryker disputed it as a theory preferring instead the perspective/orientation designation. The conclusion is that Stryker reversed his opinion on this issue during the intervening period.

³Manis and Meltzer (1967:495) essentially summarize these assumptions in what they term basic theoretical propositions of symbolic interactionism:

- a. Mind, self, and society are most usefully viewed as processes of human and interhuman conduct.
- b. Language is the mechanism for the rise of mind and self.
- c. Mind is an importation of the social process; that is, of interaction, within the individual.
- d. Human beings construct their behavior in the course of its execution, rather than responding mechanically to either external stimuli or such internal "forces" as drives, needs, or motives.
- e. Human conduct is carried on primarily by the defining of situations in which one acts.
- f. The socialization of the individual both enmeshes the individual in society and frees the individual from society. The individual with a self is not passive but can employ self in an interaction which may result in behavior divergent from group definitions.

⁴This assertion has been empirically examined by Kuhn (1960) who found professional training to be related to the nature of the self, and McPartland and Cumming (1958) who found a relationship between social class and self-conception.

CHAPTER II

THE RESEARCH PROBLEM

The purpose of this chapter is to discuss the research implications of the conceptual model presented in Chapter I. This discussion will focus on (1) general considerations underlying the study; (2) focus of the study and rationale; (3) conceptual definitions of the variables; and (4) an appropriate statistical model in which to cast the variables.

General Considerations

This study examines the extent to which television may be influencing the racial attitudes of children. The questions that underlie this examination are: Do children perceive key behavioral differences between minority and majority individuals in television role portrayals? And if so, what effect do these differences within a nexus of other influences, have on the racial attitudes of minority and majority children?

A major thrust of the framework discussed in Chapter I is that individuals exist in a symbolic as well as a physical environment, constantly lending interpretation to influences within that environment. This basis, as more fully discussed in Chapter I, led to a statement of the theoretical propositions that (1) the determination of media effects is embedded in a processual environment; (2) for any given set of media effects, the attitudes and actions of

specific others affect the attitudes and actions of the individual; (3) those individuals who affect the attitudes and actions of the individual are subject to the same kinds of influences as the individual; (4) the central behavioral term of self or self-concept primarily stems from interaction with others and may also derive from the mass media; (5) self or self-concept undergoes an interpretive process by the individual; (6) the cognitive processes of reasoning, thinking, and intelligence influence the interpretive process of the individual; (7) an individual has different attitudes toward different representations of the same class of objects; (8) these different attitudes toward representations of the same class of objects reciprocally influence one another; and (9) as influences in the environment of the individual change, attitudes held by the individual also change.

In assessing the influence of television within this environment in regard to children's racial attitudes, three considerations are (1) the availability of television programming with minority portrayals (the stimulus information within the environment); (2) the nature of minority portrayals (characteristics of that information); and (3) the children's audience for these programs (attendance to the information). Each of these considerations will be discussed in turn.

The Availability of Minority Programming

There are three predominant programming blocks when children within the Lansing-East Lansing area may view minority portrayals:

Saturday mornings (primarily cartoons), weekday evenings and weekend evenings (7:30 to 11:00 P.M. or prime time). Since many of the minorities on Saturday morning programs appear as cartoon characters, and since few minorities are featured in non-animated roles on children's programming, most impressions of minority portrayals evolve from adult-oriented programming in the evenings.

The Nature of Minority Portrayals

Within adult-oriented evening programming, the range of minority roles extends to two basic program types: comedy (e.g., "Sanford and Son," "Good Times"), and police programs (e.g., "Hawaii Five-0," "Mod Squad," "Ironside," "Christie Love," "The Rookies"). The range of majority roles, however, is more extensive, if one considers family drama programs (e.g., "The Waltons," "Little House on the Prairie"), medical programs (e.g., "Emergency," "Medical Center," "Marcus Welby"), detective programs (e.g., "Cannon," "The Rockford Files," "Barnaby Jones"), or police programs not featuring highly visible minorities (e.g., "Kojak," "Columbo," "McCloud," "McMillan and Wife").

The Children's Audience for Prime Time Programming

A recent series of audience analyses shows that the children's audience for prime time television viewing is substantial. Forty percent of children ages 6 to 11 in this country are viewing television by 7:00 P.M. each day of the week; by 8:30 P.M. the percentage increases to slightly more than 50 percent of all such

children. The heaviest viewed programs are situation comedies followed by general drama programs (Katzman, 1974:25, 36).

The Study Focus and Rationale

In examining the influence of minority portrayals on children, relevant questions are what program types and what ethnic minority group or groups should be examined?

The decision in this research is to examine family situation comedies, and black individuals within these portrayals as the specific ethnic group under consideration. This decision is made for the following reasons: (1) Black portrayals are appearing with increasing frequency, and more so in comedy roles than dramatic roles (Greenberg and Mazingo, 1973). A check of current television program listings confirms that black individuals are predominantly portrayed in family comedy roles (e.g., "The Jeffersons," "Good Times," "Sanford and Son," "That's My Mama"), and in non-family situation comedies (e.g., "Hot L Baltimore," "Barney Miller"). (2) Black individuals appear in comedy roles more prevalently than other ethnic minorities. (3) The frequency and quality of black portrayals has been severely criticized by some observers as extending a unidimensional image of blacks as buffoons, clowns, and incompetents; in general, as objects of humor (Clark, 1969; Maloney, 1970; Poinsett, 1974). Numerous analysis of prime time programming conclude that minority portrayals are uncomplimentary, unrealistic, or both (e.g., Clark, 1969; Gerbner, 1972). While these observers find these portrayals uncomplimentary or unrealistic, a question in this study is, do children perceive these portrayals

similarly? The portrayal of black individuals as clowns or buffoons may be regarded as a negative aspect by an adult observer, but may well be a positive aspect to a child viewer.

With the general considerations and the purpose of the study more clearly focussed, conceptual definitions of the variables under study may now be examined.

The Variables

Since the proposed study operates from a framework that suggests reciprocal influence and an intertwined system of cause and effect, it would be erroneous to isolate discrete sets of variables that are strictly antecedent, independent, intervening, or dependent. It is more appropriate to consider a causal system of exogenous (independent) variables whose variability is explained or determined by causes outside the model, and endogenous (dependent) variables whose variability is explained by exogenous or other endogenous variables within the model. For purposes of the immediate discussion, the variables will be referred to as exogenous or endogenous. Measurement of the variables will be discussed in Chapter III.

Based on the discussion in Chapter I and the theoretical propositions reviewed at the beginning of this chapter, six exogenous variables and eight endogenous variables emerge.

The exogenous variables are (1) frequency of exposure to television portrayals; (2) perceived treatment of minority and majority individuals by other media (other media attitudes);

(3) perceived significant others' attitudes toward the child's mental ability; (4) perceived significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals; (5) interactions with minority and majority individuals (direct experience); and (6) socio-economic status (SES).

The endogenous variables are (1) knowledge of television portrayals; (2) self-interaction; (3) perceived mental ability; (4) self-concept; (5) media perception; (6) generalized reality; (7) attitude toward television portrayals; and (8) attitude toward ethnic minority groups apart from television portrayals.

The conceptualizations of each set of these variables will now be discussed.

Frequency of Television Exposure

Frequency of television exposure is defined as the regularity of viewing the stimulus programs under study. To the extent a child is exposed to consistent and systematic portrayals of ethnic groups, this provides evidence for a consistent and systematic impact. As mentioned, black individuals now are prevalently portrayed in family comedy roles, suggestive of a systematic image portrayal. Frequency of exposure then is seen as an important variable in determining how consistent portrayals may be differentially interpreted as inputs to racial attitudes.

Other Media Attitudes

This variable is defined as the child's perceived media treatment of minority and majority groups derived from book reading and radio listening. Despite heavy attendance to television,

children also attend to other media. Cumulative evidence from several researchers suggests that children from 8 to 12 years old spend about an hour a day listening to the radio (including radio newscasts), read newspapers on the average of three to four times a week, and read at least part of a book every day (Schramm, Lyle and Parker, 1961; Greenberg and Dervin, 1970; Greenberg and Dominick, 1970).

Television exposure as well as exposure to other media provide a symbolic environment from which the child draws in developing attitudes toward any given object. The concern here is to examine the relative contribution of attitudes derived from other media to the child's overall racial attitudes.

Significant Other Attitudes Toward Mental Ability

This variable is defined as the perceived attitudes of others in regard to the child's level of smartness. Significant or specific others here are defined as parents, the classroom teacher, and peers. Symbolic interactionism posits that the individual is a composite of roles, identities and attitudes of significant others. The child's self-report of mental ability as previously discussed, should be reflected then by this variable.

Significant Other Attitudes Toward Television Portrayals

This variable is defined as how the child perceives others' liking for the stimulus television portrayals. Within

symbolic interactionism, significant others for a child and other individuals provide direct and indirect attitudinal information for a given object or topic. Symbolic interactionism suggests that an individual internalizes the roles and attitudes of significant others making them part of the individual's own roles and attitudes.

Direct Experience

Direct experience is defined as the amount of contact the child perceives that he or she has with minority and majority individuals. Symbolic interactionism emphasizes this concept in three important ways: (1) individuals assign meaning and interpretation to the behaviors of others; (2) meaning and interpretation frequently stem from interaction with others; (3) meaning and interpretation become vehicles for categorizing others and evaluating others in relationship to self (Mead, 1934, 1938; A. Rose, 1962; Blumer, 1972).

Socioeconomic Status (SES)

This variable is defined as parents' occupation(s) as reported by the child. Symbolic interactionists discuss status or position as being an individual reference point for comparing oneself to others. Shibutani (1961) notes that majority children frequently and accidentally learn their social status as a result of references that adults or peers make concerning ethnic minority members. For symbolic interactionists, the significance of status is that it allows the individual to have a sense of superiority

over others (Mead, 1934:207-208). Further, within sociology, socio-economic status is viewed as an important indicator of an individual's location in a social structure. Each status or position carries with it a set of values, ideals, and beliefs that individuals within that status are expected to conform to and share. This commonality of role values, ideals, and beliefs also influence the perception of reality, and the perception of others by each role holder.

This concludes the discussion of the exogenous or independent variables of the model. The endogenous or dependent variables affected or influenced by both exogenous and other endogenous variables will be discussed next.

Again, the eight endogenous variables within the model are (1) knowledge of television portrayals; (2) self-interaction; (3) perceived mental ability; (4) self-concept; (5) media perception; (6) generalized reality; (7) attitude toward television portrayals; and (8) attitude toward ethnic groups apart from television portrayals.

Knowledge of Television Portrayals

This variable is defined as identification of the stimulus television portrayals and identification of the race of the stimulus television portrayal. Previous investigations of the impact of television portrayals on children assume the child is familiar with either the portrayal or portrayals under investigation, or the race of the character. Such investigations proceed to directly ask

questions concerning racial attitudes without firmly establishing the child's knowledge of the subject under study. Although there is abundant evidence that children are aware of race distinctions by age three or four (e.g., Goodman, 1952; Clark, 1955; Clark and Clark, 1958; Morland, 1966; Horowitz, 1973), this assumption usually obliquely rests on skin preference tests with the use of different colored dolls or individual pictures.

Self-Interaction

This variable is defined as the amount of thinking about the stimulus television portrayal when the child is not viewing the stimulus television program. Symbolic interactionists argue that informational inputs constantly undergo cognitive interpretation and organization leading to attitudinal changes (Mead, 1934, 1938; MacKay, 1973; Swanson, 1974). One symbolic interactionist, Stryker (1967:377), considers any symbolic interactionist study which omits concepts such as thinking, reasoning, and interpretation, to be a distortion of the perspective. The self-interaction variable then attempts to determine the extent of thinking about the stimulus portrayal, and its relationship to individuals of the character's race who are not portrayed on television.

Mental Ability

Closely related to the concept of self-interaction is mental ability or intelligence. Mental ability is defined as the child's perceived level of smartness. The clarity of self-interaction

relies on the nature and extent of the individual's cognitive reasoning process (e.g., Stone and Farberman, 1967; Blumer, 1972).

Self-Concept

The self-conception is the attitude of the child toward self. Self-concept subsumes and is an organization of all the attributes and qualities derived about self from interaction with others. Symbolic interactionists frequently refer to the self-concept as reflecting or mirroring the attitudes of others toward self (Cooley, 1902; Mead, 1934; Shibutani, 1961; Kinch, 1967; Woelfel, 1967; and others). In this study, the dimension of self-concept focussed on is self esteem or the child's estimation of self worth and self-liking. The child's perceived mental ability (previously defined) is regarded as one aspect of this dimension of self-concept, deriving from the opinions and attitudes of others.

Media Perception

This research suggests that a child has two attitudes: one toward ethnic groups as portrayed on television, and one toward ethnic groups as the child perceives they exist apart from television content. To establish this, it is necessary to determine if the child perceives individuals in television roles as acting out or conducting their own lives or simply playing a role. Media perception then is the extent to which the child perceives actors or actresses as having an existence or lifestyle apart from their existence as portrayed on television.

Generalized Reality

As a corollary to media perception, generalized reality is the extent of liking for a given stimulus television character. If a child distinguishes between ethnic portrayals and other individuals of that ethnic group as a whole, there is empirical support for asserting that distinct attitudes exist toward these portrayals and toward members of ethnic groups represented by these portrayals. Symbolic interactionism also provides theoretical support for the assertion of different attitudes toward aspects of the same phenomena. According to interactionists, an individual may be subject to several different influences or sources regarding a given object. Because the nature of the influences are different, and because an object may be represented variously, an individual may hold separate and distinct attitudes toward those representations (Mead, 1934:71, 79, 97, 181; Garretson, 1967:337; Stryker, 1967:375). The basis of this assertion within symbolic interactionism is the recognition and distinction of symbols; and organizing and placing these symbols into categories. Undergirding this process is a previously defined variable, self-interaction or thinking by the individual concerning the object.

Attitude Toward Ethnic Groups Apart From Television Content

This variable is defined as the extent of liking for a given ethnic group as a whole. As stated above, theoretical support exists for asserting that two attitudes may exist for the same object or class of objects.

This section has presented conceptual definitions for the six exogenous variables and eight endogenous variables for the causal model under study. The next section will examine the structure of the model.

The Statistical Model

This research uses a recursive path model (the causal flow is unidirectional) to represent the hypothesized influences under study. Path analysis is an appropriate method for at least three reasons:

First, path analysis allows separation or disentanglement of direct causal effects from indirect causal effects. This is especially pertinent in a causal model based on theoretical reasoning. Parsing out the effects allows the researcher to determine exactly which variables are making the strongest contribution to the theory.

Second, although some researchers (e.g., Kerlinger and Pedhazur, 1973:305) note that path analysis is not applicable to discovering or formulating causes and thereby generating theory, path analysis does not require an exact theory for its use. From the symbolic interactionist perspective as discussed in Chapter I, several theoretically attractive models could be derived. The range of these models could be narrowed by the existing framework as supplemented by other research and intuitive thinking, but could not reasonably be narrowed to one highly specific model. To accomplish this latter task would no doubt mean protracted testing of

many different models. Since path analysis as mentioned, provides separation of direct causal effects from indirect causal effects it would seem indeed applicable to the nature of the exploratory research under consideration.

Third, the framework presented in Chapter I suggests the notion of reciprocal influence between some of the variables. A path analytic model (although nonrecursive) would be the only method to examine such influences. While the path model under consideration does not include reciprocal paths, it is probably sufficient evidence to indicate whether further attempts at modeling are warranted on this data set.

Since symbolic interactionism does suggest reciprocity, it is appropriate here to briefly discuss the rationale underlying the use of a recursive model rather than a nonrecursive model (some of the causal linkages are reciprocal or bidirectional).

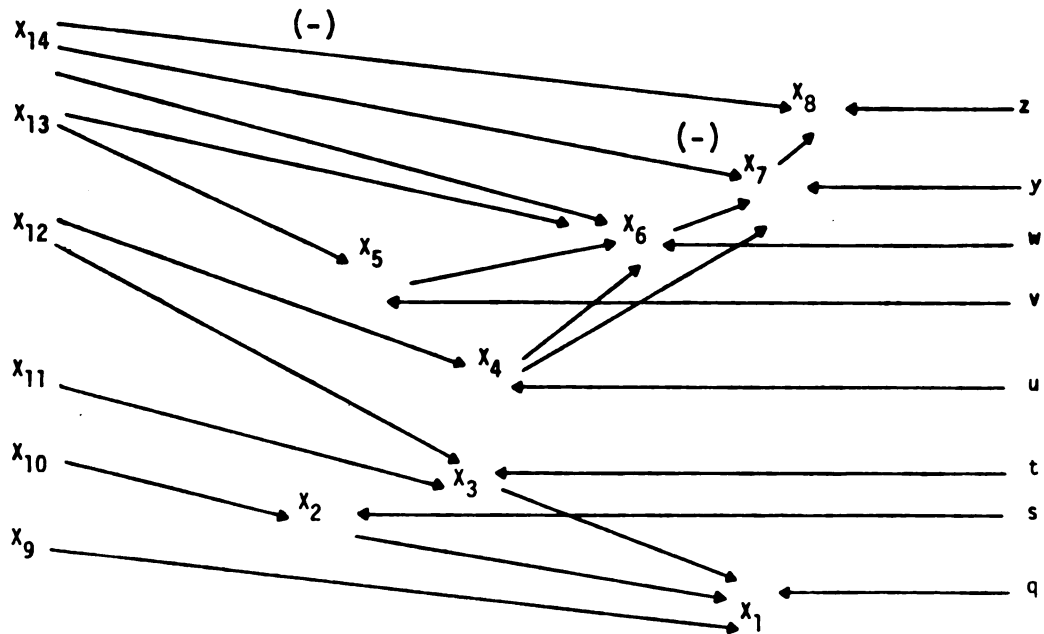
Of the possible models that could be derived from the theory, several of the more appealing and perhaps the more complete models are nonrecursive. Deriving from the framework presented in Chapter I the nonrecursive paths or reciprocal influence paths that could be considered are between (a) perceived mental ability and significant others' attitudes toward mental ability; (b) self-concept and attitude toward the ethnic group; (c) significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals and the individual's attitude toward television portrayals; and (d) the individual's attitude toward television portrayals and the attitude toward the ethnic group.

However, in preliminary examinations of the data prior to testing a nonrecursive model, there was not sufficient evidence to justify a nonrecursive model based on the proposed causal system of variables. For the system as proposed, evidence from the zero order correlation matrix and the ordinary least squares regression equations warranted early rejection of the model. To continue with a nonrecursive model based on this preliminary testing would be a futile exercise. The rationale for the use of a recursive model versus a nonrecursive model will be discussed further in Chapter IV.

As mentioned previously, the variables within a causal system are either exogenous or endogenous. The variability of exogenous variables is not explained within the model; it is assumed the causal influences of these variables are determined outside the system. The variability of endogenous variables is explained by exogenous variables, other endogenous variables under study, and a set of disturbance or residual terms. The disturbance or residual terms represent all other sources of variation in the endogenous variables not accounted for by other variables in the model. The path diagram shown in Figure 2 represents this system. Structural and estimating equations for the model are in Appendix C.

Each path in the model represents a hypothesis. Except where minus signs indicate otherwise, each path posits that an increase in one variable results in an increase in another variable.

The negative path between direct experience and generalized reality hypothesizes that as direct experience with the ethnic



where:

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| X ₁ = attitude toward ethnic group | X ₉ = other media attitudes |
| X ₂ = attitude toward TV portrayals | X ₁₀ = significant others' attitudes toward portrayals |
| X ₃ = self-concept (SELFCPT) | X ₁₁ = socioeconomic status (SES) |
| X ₄ = mental ability (YOU SMART) | X ₁₂ = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA) |
| X ₅ = knowledge of TV portrayals | X ₁₃ = frequency of exposure to portrayals |
| X ₆ = self-interaction | X ₁₄ = direct experience with ethnic group |
| X ₇ = media perception | |
| X ₈ = generalized reality | |

q, s, t . . . z = residual terms

Figure 2.--General Path Model of Television Influence Process.

group increases, generalizing from television characters of the ethnic group to the ethnic group as a whole, decreases.

The negative path between direct experience and media perception (the extent to which the child perceives characters on television as playing a role) hypothesizes that as media perception increases, generalized reality decreases. A major premise of this study and in conformity to symbolic interactionism, is that individuals may hold different attitudes towards representations of the same phenomena. Or stated another way, individuals may hold different attitudes towards objects within the same class or category. This study applies this notion to the distinction between television role portrayals and generalizing to others based on those portrayals. If, as hypothesized, a negative relationship exists between media perception and generalized reality, this suggests that children are not only able to make the distinction between such portrayals and a class of individuals as a whole, but also may be fully expected to have separate attitudes toward each of them.

This chapter has examined practical considerations underlying a study of television's influence on the racial attitudes of children. This examination included discussions of the availability of television programming with minority portrayals, the nature of minority portrayals, and the children's audience for these programs. In addition, this chapter has discussed the focus of the study and rationale, and provided conceptual definitions of the

fourteen variables under study. Lastly, a recursive path model was suggested as an appropriate statistical method for analyzing the variables. Chapter III will discuss the measurement of the variables.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODS

This chapter will discuss aspects of the questionnaire and field research procedures. Specifically, this discussion will include (1) questionnaire development and pretesting; (2) survey sites and respondents; (3) questionnaire administration; (4) measurement of the variables; and (5) reliability estimates for the indices.

Questionnaire Development and Pretesting

A major consideration in the questionnaire design was to elicit identification of certain stimulus television characters and the race of those characters. Seeking these two levels of identification overcomes two major and possibly erroneous assumptions made in most research examining television's effects on children's racial attitudes. These assumptions are (1) that the child is familiar with the television characters under examination; and (2) that the child is aware of differences in race among those characters.

The pretest questionnaire then, presented pictures of six television characters, three black characters and three white characters. The pictures were originally 8 x 10 glossy photographs each reduced to size 3-3/8 x 3-3/8 for reproduction in the questionnaire. Respondents were asked to identify each character or the program

associated with each character, and the race of each character (in open-ended questions).

Two criteria were used in the selection of the characters: (1) that the characters appear in regular roles on family programs (the rationale for the selection of family programs was presented in Chapter II); and (2) that the characters represent different races, but appear in similar roles.

The final selection of characters for the pretest were: Archie Bunker and Edith Bunker ("All in the Family"), Redd Foxx ("Sanford and Son"), Louise Jefferson ("The Jeffersons"), Florida Evans ("Good Times"), and George Apple ("Apple's Way"). Archie Bunker and George Apple represent white fathers on television; Redd Foxx, a black father; Louise Jefferson and Florida Evans, black mothers; and Edith Bunker, a white mother.

Fourteen questions each or 56 questions in all were presented in specific reference to each character. In total, the pretest questionnaire was 32 pages long with 106 closed-ended questions and 26 open-ended questions. The pretest was administered once (February 19, 1975) under the direction of two white male interviewers from Michigan State University. The interviewers were trained in a two-hour session prior to the pretest.

During the pretest one of the interviewers read each question aloud as the respondents filled out the questionnaires. In instructions read prior to the start of the pretest, respondents were told to raise their hands if they had questions after the reading of each question. The other interviewer then privately

answered that question. When several children had questions on a given item, both interviewers clarified the item privately with each respondent to facilitate questionnaire completion. The next item was not read until all questions were answered. The pretest questionnaire took an average of one hour and 30 minutes to administer. The average completion time for each child was 45 minutes.

When all questionnaires were completed the respondents were asked their opinions of the questionnaire as a whole. While all respondents reported favorable comments, a few respondents also commented that the questionnaire was too long or that some of the questions were difficult. These comments were considered in the construction of the final instrument.

The pretest site was the Holmes Elementary School in Lansing. Respondents were 25 third grade children ages 8 to 10 years old. They consisted of 13 boys and 12 girls; 13 white, 10 black, one Chicano, and one Canadian Indian. Each respondent was asked on the questionnaire to give the occupation for each parent. In all, 20 children listed parents' occupations. The average socioeconomic status across the pretest sample as scored by the NORC (National Opinion Research Center) prestige scale (1951, as reported in Reiss et al., 1961) was 52.6. (More concerning the NORC scale will be discussed under the section on Survey Sites and Respondents). Occupations included janitor, bartender, waitress, gas station attendant, baker, bus driver, and teacher. The modal occupation (reported by eight respondents) was

automobile assembly work. The pretest questionnaire is in Appendix A.

Survey Sites and Respondents

Three survey sites were chosen for this study: the Allen Street and Willow elementary schools in Lansing, Michigan, and the Steele Street elementary school in Mason, Michigan. Allen Street and Willow schools are about six miles apart and both schools are racially integrated. Steele Street school is ten miles from Lansing and is not racially integrated.

The Allen Street and Willow schools were selected because they have the largest number of black children in the third and fifth grades in the Lansing schools. Steele Street in Mason was selected to provide a basis for comparison between the racial attitudes of children in an integrated school environment with those attitudes of children in a nonintegrated school environment.

All third and fifth grade children were interviewed at each school. These grades were selected because while there is abundant evidence that by age seven children make evaluative judgments of others based on race (e.g., Clark, 1955; Goodman, 1964; Gregor and McPherson, 1966; Horowitz, 1973), few studies exist on the racial attitudes of children eight to eleven years old (the age range of third and fifth grade children). The sparsity of these latter studies includes Greenberg and Dominick (1970), Bernstein and DiVesta (1971), and Greenberg (1972).

A total of 241 children were interviewed at the three schools. This total includes 126 third grade children and 115 fifth

grade children; 121 boys and 120 girls. Sixty children were eight years old, 58 were nine years old, 53 were ten years old, 65 were eleven years old, and five children were twelve years old. Of this total, there were 142 white children, 68 black children, 25 Chicano children, 4 Native American children, and 2 who listed their race as "other." There were no Orientals.

A total of 79 children were interviewed at the Allen Street school (42 in the third grade; 37 in the fifth grade); 114 were interviewed at Willow school (60 in the third grade; 54 in the fifth grade), and 48 children were interviewed at the Steele Street school (24 in each grade). All of the children at Steele Street school listed their race as white.

By socioeconomic level (SES), the average SES score across the entire sample is 63.0; for black children the average score is 58.8; for white children the average score is 63.2. The average SES score for children in the Steele Street school is 69.3. Socioeconomic status determinations are often misleading. In this study, socioeconomic status is based on the NORC scale of occupational prestige (of the child's parents), consisting of occupational scores derived from a national opinion survey. The scores range from 20 to 93 across 88 occupational groupings (Reiss et al., 1961).

The sample characteristics are summarized in tabular form on the following pages.

Questionnaire Administration

Interviews were conducted on March 18-19, 1975, and on May 12-13, 1975.¹ Two to three interviewers were used in each

TABLE 1.--Frequency Distribution of Sample Characteristics: School by Grade, Age, Sex and Race.

	School			Totals
	Allen	Willow	Steele	
<u>Grade</u>				
Third	42	60	24	126
Fifth	<u>37</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>115</u>
Total	79	114	48	241
<u>Age</u>				
8	17	31	12	60
9	22	26	10	58
10	15	25	13	53
11	23	29	13	65
12	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	79	114	48	241
<u>Sex</u>				
Boys	39	57	27	121
Girls	<u>40</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>120</u>
Total	79	114	48	241
<u>Race</u>				
Black	24	44	0	68
White	37	57	48	142
Chicano	16	9	0	25
Native American	1	3	0	4
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	79	114	48	241

TABLE 2.--Frequency Distribution by Grade and Race: Allen Street School (N = 79).

Race	Third Grade		Fifth Grade		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Black	6	9	4	5	24
White	11	10	10	6	37
Chicano	2	4	3	7	16
Native American	0	0	1	0	1
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	19	23	19	18	79

TABLE 3.--Frequency Distribution by Grade and Race: Willow School (N = 114).

Race	Third Grade		Fifth Grade		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Black	15	9	9	11	44
White	16	14	13	14	57
Chicano	0	4	1	4	9
Native American	1	1	1	0	3
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	32	28	25	29	114

TABLE 4.--Frequency Distribution by Grade and Race: Steele Street School (N = 48).

Race	Third Grade		Fifth Grade		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
White	12	12	15	9	
Totals	12	12	15	9	48

TABLE 5.--Socioeconomic Status (SES) by School and Race.

	SES
<u>Entire Sample</u>	63.0
Black	58.8
White	63.2
Chicano	51.4
<u>School</u>	
Allen Street	59.3
Black	58.0
White	61.4
Chicano	50.6
Willow	60.4
Black	59.6
White	65.0
Chicano	51.4
Steele	69.3

classroom depending on classroom size. In the Lansing schools, the interviewing teams consisted of white males, white females, and black females. In the Mason school two interviewers were used, one white male and one white female. Minority interviewers were not used at the Mason school because of the possibility of introducing bias on responses to race questions.

Interviewers were trained in a one hour session prior to data gathering, supplemented by printed instructions on the interviewing procedures. Interviewers were also given printed instructions to be read to the respondents.

In all, 14 classes were interviewed at the three schools. Except for two classes of fifth grade children at Allen Street

school and two classes of third grade children at Willow school, all classes were interviewed intact. The fifth grade classes at Allen Street school and the third grade classes at Willow school were combined. In both of these situations these classes ordinarily meet together at regular intervals during the school day. At the request of school officials these classes were interviewed as combined classes. Since these classes routinely meet together, interviewing them during a combined session did not pose a problem in validity of the results.

Interviewing procedures for the final questionnaire were essentially the same as for the pretest. One of the interviewers read each question aloud as the questionnaires were filled out. As before, the children were instructed to raise their hands after the reading of each item if they had questions. The other interviewer or interviewers answered those questions privately for each child. Reading of the next item did not continue until all such questions were answered. The questionnaire took an average of one hour and 30 minutes to complete in each classroom.

In some of the classrooms where time permitted, children were debriefed on the purpose of the study and asked their opinion of the questions. All children who commented on the questions expressed favorable opinions. The most prevalent comments were "It was fun" or "I'd like to take it again." A problem still existed, however, in comprehending the wording of one question. This was minimized substantially, if not completely alleviated, by interviewers privately attending to each child as questions arose.

Instructions to the interviewers, instructions to the children, and the final questionnaire are in Appendix A.

Measurement of the Variables

Based on results of the pretest the final questionnaire was revised to 18 pages in length and 127 questions. The number of stimulus television characters was reduced from six to four; one white male, one black female, one white female, and one black male, in that order. The characters were again matched on comparability of roles. The two characters dropped were Louise Jefferson and George Apple. Louise Jefferson was dropped because of comparatively low identification with the other characters in the pretest and also to reduce questionnaire length. George Apple was dropped for four reasons: (1) comparatively low identification with the other characters; (2) less comparability in role type to either Archie Bunker or Redd Foxx; (3) cancellation of the program prior to design of the final questionnaire, and (4) to reduce questionnaire length.

Overall, 41 different variables comprised the final questionnaire. Two goals directed the development of the measures: (1) to develop measures consistent with and in conformity to the understanding and interpretation of the symbolic interactionist perspective, and (2) to develop measures more reliable, more insightful, and more refined than measures typically used in mass media research on the racial attitudes of children. For these reasons, several different kinds of measurement procedures were developed, representative of the exploratory nature of this research.

Twenty-two indices (11 indices for each set of characters) were developed from these measures. In addition, six single measures (three measures for each set of characters) were combined with the indices to test the overall model.

A description follows of the indices and single measures. Means and correlations reported are for the entire sample ($N = 241$). Zero order correlations, means, and standard deviations across the indices and single measures is in Appendix B.

Frequency of Exposure

A five-point interval scale was used to measure each stimulus character. The scale is:

How often do you watch this TV program?
5 once every week
4 once every two weeks
3 once a month
2 once every two to three months
1 never

An index was created combining the two black characters (FREQEXPB) and a similar index created for the two white characters (FREQEXPW). The range for each index is 2 to 10. The mean for the index for black characters is 8.4 and the intercorrelation .41. The mean for the index for white characters is 7.3 and the intercorrelation is .81. The two indices correlate .23.

Knowledge of Portrayals

The created indices combined two different scales for each stimulus character, seeking (1) the name of the person or the name of the program; and (2) the identification of the race of the person. The scales are:

Who is this person or what TV program is this person on?

1 = Right 0 = Wrong

(You may put down any name you know the person by, or the name of the program.)

9 I don't know the name of the person or the program.

What is the race or color of this person?

4 or 0 Black

0 Oriental

9 I don't

4 or 0 White

0 Chicano

know

Scores on the two items were added for each pair of black characters (KNOWBTVP) and for each pair of white characters (KNOWHTVP). The range for each index is 0 to 10. The index mean for black characters is 9.5. The intercorrelation for the name identification questions for black characters is .25, and for the race identification questions the intercorrelation is .28. The index mean for white characters is 9.3. The intercorrelation for the name identification questions is .60 and for the race identification questions the intercorrelation is .41. The two indices correlate .32.

Self-Interaction

A three-point scale was used to measure self-interaction for each stimulus character. The scale is:

When this person is not on TV, how much do you think about her (him)?

3 I think about this person a lot

2 I think about this person sometimes

1 I never think about this person

The first index combined these scales for the black characters (SELFINTB); the second index combined the scales for the white characters (SELFINTW). The range for each index is 2 to 6. The mean for the black characters is 4.4 and the intercorrelation is

.54. The mean for white characters is 3.4 and the intercorrelation is .60. The two indices correlate .29.

Media Perception

For each character two scales were used to measure media perception. In addition, two scales measure media perception of black characters in general, and two scales measure media perception of white characters in general. All scales for the black characters were combined (MEDIAPRB) as were the scales for the white characters (MEDIAPRW). Each index then, the one for black characters and the one for white characters, consists of six items or scales each. The wording of the first item for each character differs slightly to fit the character. Scale examples are:

When this person is on TV, she has a family and neighbors.
When this person is not on TV, does she have the same
family and neighbors?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a
part or pretending?

3 yes 1 no 2 I don't know

When you see black (white) people on programs like Good Times (All in The Family), they have families and neighbors on the program. When these people are not on TV, do they have the same families and neighbors?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

When you see black (white) people on programs like Good Times (All in The Family) and other programs with black (white) families, are the people just playing a part or pretending?

3 yes 1 no 2 I don't know

The range across the six scales for each index is 6 to 18. The mean for black characters is 14.5. The mean for white

characters is 14.4. The two indices correlate .80. The inter-correlations for the six scales in each index are in Appendix B.

Generalized Reality

One scale for each stimulus character was used to measure generalized reality. The scale is:

Think about this person for a minute and think about what you have heard others say about the person. Now, how true do you think those things are for people of this race or color who are not on TV?

- 4 these things are true for most people of this race
- 3 these things are true for some people of this race
- 2 these things are true for a few people of this race
- 1 these things are not true for any people of this race

An index was created combining the two black characters (GENREALB) and a similar index created for the two white characters (GENREALW). The range for each index is 2 to 8. The mean for the index for black characters is 5.6 and the intercorrelation is .46. The mean for the index for white characters is 5.0 and the intercorrelation is .32. The two indices correlate .54.

Significant Others' Attitudes Toward Television Portrayals

Five Likert-type scales for each stimulus character were used to measure significant others' attitudes toward that character. Directions preceding the scales requested that the respondent list up to five persons he or she had talked to about the stimulus character and then indicate the attitude of the person toward the stimulus character. Respondents listed the relationship of the person to the respondent and not a specific name. The scales were preceded by a

check item of whether the respondent had talked to anyone about the stimulus character. The scales are of the form:

<u>Person You have Talked To</u>	<u>How Much Do They Like The Person in the Picture</u>				
1. _____	<u>5</u> very much	<u>4</u> some	<u>3</u> don't like or dislike	<u>2</u> dislike some	<u>1</u> don't like at all

An index was created combining the two black characters (SIGOTVPB) and a similar index created for the two white characters (SIGOTVPW). The range for each index is 10 to 50. The mean for the index for black characters is 19.2. The mean for the index for white characters is 15.0. The two indices correlate .66. The intercorrelations for the five scales in each index are in Appendix B as are frequencies of significant others mentioned.

Attitude Toward Television Portrayals

A five-point Likert-type scale was used to measure attitude toward television portrayals for each stimulus character. The scale is:

How much do you like the person in the picture?

<u>5</u> very much	<u>4</u> some	<u>3</u> don't like or dislike	<u>2</u> dislike some	<u>1</u> don't like at all
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An index was created combining the two black characters (ATTTVPB) and a similar index created for the two white characters (ATTTVPW). The range for each index is 2 to 10. The mean for the index for black characters is 9.1 and the intercorrelation is .41.

The mean for the index for white characters is 7.4 and the inter-correlation is .61. The two indices correlate .15.

Other Media Attitudes

Two five-point scales were used to measure other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB). Two five-point scales were also used to measure other media attitudes towards white persons (OTMEDIAW). The scales are:

When you read things in books about black (white) people, how do you think the books show black (white) people as being?

<u>5</u> very good	<u>2</u> bad
<u>4</u> good	<u>1</u> very bad
<u>3</u> not good or bad	<u>9</u> I don't know

When you hear things on the radio about black (white) people, what would you say the people on the radio think about black (white) people?

<u>5</u> they think black (<u>white</u>) people are <u>very good</u>
<u>4</u> they think black (<u>white</u>) people are <u>good</u>
<u>3</u> they think black (<u>white</u>) people are <u>neither good nor bad</u>
<u>2</u> they think black (<u>white</u>) people are <u>bad</u>
<u>1</u> they think black (<u>white</u>) people are <u>very bad</u>
<u>9</u> I don't know

The range for the scales in each index is 2 to 10. The mean for the index for media attitudes toward black people is 9.0 and the intercorrelation is .10. The mean for the index for media attitudes toward white people is also 9.0 and the intercorrelation is .23. The two indices correlate .42.

Significant Others' Attitudes Toward Mental Ability

Three scale items were used to measure significant others' attitudes toward mental ability. The scale items are:

How smart do (does) your parents (teacher, friends) think you are?

$\frac{4}{3}$ very smart
somewhat smart

$\frac{2}{1}$ not very smart
not smart at all

The range for this index (SIGOTHMA) is 3 to 12 and the mean is 9.8. The intercorrelations are:

	Parents	Teacher	Friends
Parents	1.00		
Teacher	.25	1.00	
Friends	.31	.52	1.00

Self-Concept

Two self-esteem items comprise this index. The scale items are:

I feel there are many good things about me. I feel this way:

$\frac{4}{3}$ most of the time
some of the time

$\frac{2}{1}$ a few times
none of the time

How much do you like yourself?

$\frac{4}{3}$ very much
somewhat

$\frac{2}{1}$ not very much
not at all

The range is 2 to 8; the mean is 6.5 and the intercorrelation is .39. The mnemonic index name is SELFCPT.

Socioeconomic Status

This index consists of two open-ended questions seeking father's occupation and mother's occupation (SES). The occupations were assigned scores based on the 1951 NORC occupational prestige scale (previously discussed). Occupational scores for both parents were added and then divided yielding an average occupational score

for each respondent. In cases where only one occupation was listed, the score for that occupation served as the average SES score for that respondent. The SES items are:

What kind of work does your father (mother) do?

The range for SES is 42 to 93; the mean is 63.0.

This concludes the discussion of the 22 indices in the study. The five single items that were combined with the indices are briefly summarized as follows:

Direct Experience

Two items were used to measure direct experience with black people (KNBLKWL) and direct experience with white people (KNWHTWL).

The form of the item is:

How many black (white) people would you say you know well?

I don't know any black (white) people well 00

I know black (white) people well

(Please put in the number)

If a respondent put in a number higher than 98 for black and white people known well, these numbers were collapsed or reduced to 98 as an arbitrary maximum. Coding an actual number higher than 98 would not add more precision to this variable. For children 8 to 12 years old as in this study, reporting high numbers is likely to be random guessing resulting in less reliability.

The range for black people known well is 0 to 98 and the mean is 16.7. The range for white people known well is also 0 to 98 and the mean is 26.9. The two items correlate .27.

Mental Ability

A four-point scale measures mental ability as perceived by the respondent. The scale is:

How smart do you think you are?

- 4 very smart
- 3 somewhat smart
- 2 not very smart
- 1 not smart at all

The scale complements the scale for significant others' attitudes toward mental ability. The range for the mental ability scale (YOUSMART) is 1 to 4 and the mean is 3.2.

Attitude Toward Ethnic Group

A five-point Likert-type scale was used to measure each of the two attitudes under study: attitude toward black people (ATTBLACK) and attitude toward white people (ATTWHITE) as perceived to exist apart from television characterizations. The scale is:

How much do you like black (white) people?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>5</u> very much | <u>2</u> dislike somewhat |
| <u>4</u> somewhat | <u>1</u> don't like at all |
| <u>3</u> don't like or dislike | |

The range is 1 to 4. The mean for both ATTBLACK and ATTWHITE is the same: 3.9. The two items correlate .14.

Two indices used in this study included "I don't know" response categories. These indices were the knowledge of portrayals index and the other media attitudes index. For the knowledge index, the "I don't know" responses were recoded to zero (0) and considered as wrong or incorrect responses. For the other media attitudes index, the "I don't know" categories were recoded to three (3), the neutral or midpoint of the scale.

There were no unanswered questions across the 241 respondents in the sample, in part due to a procedure of checking each questionnaire item immediately after each respondent indicated completion of the questionnaire.

Multiple regression techniques were used in constructing the indices. Each of the component measures for each index was entered into a regression equation as predictor or independent variables of a criterion or dependent variable. For example, each of the component measures for the indices, attitude toward television portrayals, self-concept, and other media attitudes were regressed against attitude toward the ethnic group as the criterion variable.

Based on the regression results, each predictor variable forming the index was multiplied by its beta weight. The weighted variables were then summed together to form the aggregate index variable. The procedure maximizes the partial regression coefficients for the index, controlling for other variables in the equation (but not in the index itself).

This strategy initially appears to be liberal in application, but is in fact a conservative move, as Woelfel and Haller (1972) point out. The non-index or single predictor variables are probably more satisfactorily measured than the index variables because they are less complex. Therefore, the single predictor variables are expected to have a smaller error component than the indices. This lower error of measurement tends to inflate the partial regression coefficients of these single predictor variables. The weighting of the index variables then has the effect of compensating for the

artificial inflation of the single predictor variables. Further, the multiple correlation coefficient remains unchanged by the weighting procedure. The coefficient is the same as it was when the index variables were entered singly as predictors (Woelfel and Haller, 1972:12-13).

Reliability Estimates

Reliability estimates of the indices with only two scale items were made using the Spearman-Brown formula. For indices with more than two scale items, coefficient alpha was used as the estimate of reliability.

The Spearman-Brown estimates for indices with just two scale items for the entire sample (N = 241) are reported below for the entire sample (N = 241). The Spearman-Brown estimates for individual groups within the sample are in Appendix B.

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of black persons (FREQEXPB)	.58
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of white persons (FREQEXPW)	.90
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Name identification)	.40
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Race identification)	.44
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Name identification)	.75

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient</u> <u>(Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Race identification)	.58
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of black persons (SELFINTB)	.70
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of white persons (SELFINTW)	.75
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of black persons (GENREALB)	.63
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of white persons (GENREALW)	.48
Attitude toward television por- trayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)	.58
Attitude toward television por- trayals of white persons (ATTTVPW)	.76
Other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)	.18
Other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW)	.37
Self-concept	.56

The indices and reliability coefficients for indices with more than two scale items are given below. These estimates apply to the entire sample (N = 241). Reliability estimates for individual groups within the sample are in Appendix B.

<u>Multi-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Coefficient Alpha)</u>
Media perception of black characters (MEDIAPRB)	.67
Media perception of white characters (MEDIAPRW)	.68
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of black characters (SIGOTVPB)	.95
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of white characters (SIGOTVPW)	.95
Significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)	.63

The established criterion for scale reliability using coefficient alpha is .80 (Crano and Brewer, 1973:231). Three of the indices here fail to meet this criterion. For other sample groups the indices that meet this criterion are the same as those reported here for the entire sample: significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals.

This chapter has discussed questionnaire development and pretesting, the survey sites and respondents, questionnaire administration, measurement, and reliability estimates of the variables. As mentioned, the means and correlations reported in this chapter are for the entire sample. These results for individual groups within the sample are in Appendix B.

CHAPTER III: FOOTNOTES

¹The second data collection requested information on three items erroneously omitted from the original questionnaire. Interviewing conditions under which the first data was collected prevailed during the second data collection. The additional items were attached to the questionnaires; respondents and their original questionnaires were subsequently matched. These additional items are in the back of the questionnaire entitled "You and Television" in Appendix B.

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

This chapter focuses on the general path model in this study as the results derive from examining the influence of black portrayals across the entire sample (N = 241). The most important result deriving from this examination is the evidence from preliminary stages of data analysis that statistical support does not exist for the nonrecursive (reciprocal influence) model as hypothesized. This point will be discussed in more detail throughout this chapter.

In view of the initial but substantial lack of statistical support for the model from the given data set, subrelationships in the model based on application of ordinary least squares regression equations are investigated for evidence of covariation useful in determining directions for future research. Further, the results of these equations as applied across subdivisions within the sample are presented to yield maximum information concerning covariation deriving from the relationships.

Overall, evidence from the zero-order correlation matrices, the intercorrelations of the indices, the reliability estimates of the indices, the regression coefficients, and the test of each equation given by the coefficient of alienation, show clearly that the

largest portion of variance is not accounted for by the several variables in the model. (The zero-order correlation matrices, the intercorrelations of the indices, and reliability estimates of the indices for subdivisions of the sample are in Appendix B; intercorrelations of the indices and reliability estimates of the indices for the entire sample were reported in Chapter III.)

The high levels of unexplained variance and the lack of covariance in general of the variables indicate that further attempts at model building on the present data set are not warranted.

While the question of what constitutes necessary statistical support, if any, before continuing with more complex methods of analysis is difficult to pinpoint in discussions of path analysis, several researchers have indicated the futility of pursuing model construction under similar conditions (see Duncan, 1975:56-57, 89-90; Kerlinger and Pedhazur (1973:3 ff, 259; Wonnacott and Wonnacott, 1970:121). Kerlinger and Pedhazur (1973:258-259) in a discussion of analyzing data with continuous and categorical independent variables suggest that if the magnitude of the variance in the dependent variable explained by other variables in the equation is not meaningful within (1) the context of theoretical formulation, (2) knowledge of findings in the field, or (3) in the judgment of the researcher, the analysis should be terminated.¹

In the path diagram that appears on page 74 (results of the influence of black portrayals across the entire sample), information includes the beta coefficients for each path and regions of significance for each coefficient. (The coefficients with one

or two asterisks preceding them represent significance at less than the .05 or .01 levels).

The test of the fit of each regression equation is given by the coefficient of alienation ($\sqrt{1-R^2}$) along the residual paths. The closer the coefficient is to 1.0, the poorer the fit of the equation. However, this coefficient must be interpreted with some caution since a simple or multiple correlation of .86 is necessary before the coefficient of alienation reduces to .50. (The reader is referred to a discussion of the coefficient of alienation in McNemar, 1969:141.)

The beta coefficients, zero-order and multiple correlations, explained variance, F tests, significance levels, and degrees of freedom for each path model in this chapter are presented in tabular form in Appendix C.

Given the overall status of the model caution must be exercised in interpreting the beta coefficients. The coefficients will be biased to an unknown extent as a result of the unknown misspecification of the model. What follows should be construed as application of ordinary least squares regression techniques for preliminary evidence of covariation useful to future investigators in specifying a more correct model.

Before turning to the path diagram for the influence of black portrayals across the entire sample and the discussion of this model, the correlation coefficients and beta coefficients of all variables influencing each of the endogenous variables in the model are presented in Table 6. The overall significance levels for each

of these equations is also given (some of the significance levels will be slightly exaggerated due to aggregating the weighted index variables). Since the beta coefficients are based on the correlation coefficients of the endogenous variable with other variables in the equation, this table provides a compact summary of results stemming from the model. When only one variable influences the endogenous variable in the equations, the correlation coefficient and beta coefficient are the same.

The six exogenous variables in the model are other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB); significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of black persons (SIGOTVPB); socioeconomic status (SES); significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA); frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB), and direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL). These variables are represented in the model as variables X_9 through X_{14} .

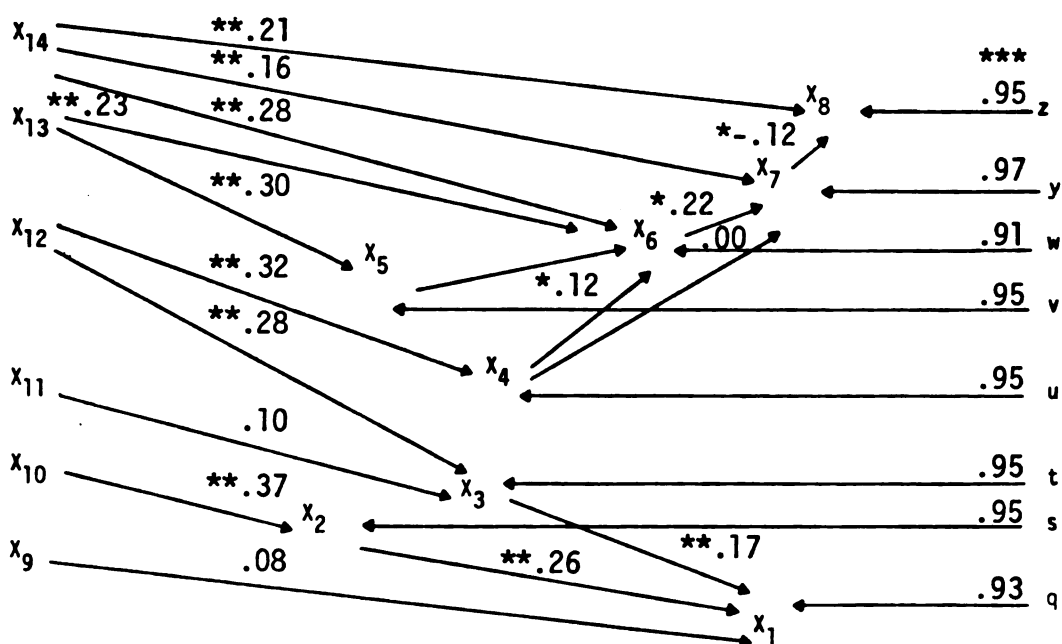
The eight endogenous variables in the model are attitude toward black persons (ATTBLACK); attitude toward television portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB); self-concept (SELFCPT); mental ability (YOUSMART); knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP); self-interaction concerning television portrayals of black persons (SELFINTB); media perception of television portrayals of black persons (MEDIAPRB), and generalized reality of television portrayals of black persons (GENREALB). These variables are represented in the model as variables X_1 through X_8 .

TABLE 6.--Correlation Coefficients, Beta Coefficients and Significance Levels of Endogenous Variables and Influencing Variables.

	Correlation	Beta	Overall Sig. Level
<u>Attitude Toward Black Persons (ATTBLACK)</u>			
Attitude toward television portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)	.26	.25	
Self-concept (SELFCPT)	.18	.16	.00
Other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)	.18	.08	
<u>Attitude Toward Television Portrayals of Black Persons (ATTTVPB)</u>			
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of black persons (SIGOTVPB)	.37	.37	.00
<u>Self-Concept (SELFCPT)</u>			
Socioeconomic status (SES)	.11	.10	
Significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)	.27	.28	.00
<u>Mental Ability (YOUSMART)</u>			
Significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)	.32	.32	.00
<u>Knowledge of Television Portrayals of Black Persons (KNOWBTVP)</u>			
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of black persons (FREQEXPB)	.30	.30	.00

Table 6.--Continued.

	Correlation	Beta	Overall Sig. Level
<u>Self-Interaction About Television Portrayals of Black Persons (SELFINTB)</u>			
Mental ability (YOUSMART)	.13	.12	
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP)	.13	.07	.00
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of black persons (FREQEXPB)	.25	.23	
Direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)	.30	.28	
<u>Media Perception of Television Portrayals of Black Persons (MEDIAPRB)</u>			
Mental ability (YOUSMART)	.01	.00	
Self-interaction about television portrayals of black persons (SELFINTB)	.17	.22	.00
Direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)	.10	.16	
<u>Generalized Reality of Television Portrayals of Black Persons (GENREALB)</u>			
Media perception of television portrayals of black persons (MEDIAPRB)	-.10	-.12	.00
Direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)	.21	.21	



where:

X_1 = attitude toward black persons (ATTBLACK)

X_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)

X_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT)

X_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART)

X_5 = knowledge of black TV portrayals (KNOWBTVP)

X_6 = self-interaction about black portrayals (SELFINTB)

X_7 = media perception of black portrayals (MEDIAPRB)

X_8 = generalized reality of black portrayals (GENREALB)

X_9 = other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)

X_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward black portrayals (SIGOTVPB)

X_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES)

X_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)

X_{13} = frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB)

X_{14} = direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)

q, s, t . . . z = residual terms

Figure 3.--All Sample Respondents (Black Portrayals)
(N = 241).

*p < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$ for residual paths

Each of the endogenous variables may now be discussed. Again it is stressed that the beta coefficients are biased to an unknown extent given the status of the model and are to be interpreted with caution. The examination of these results is an exploration of the various subrelationships in the model for evidence of covariation.

Turning now to the examination of each of the endogenous variables in Figure 3 which represents the influence of television portrayals of black persons across all sample respondents (N = 241):

Attitude Toward Black Persons (ATTBLACK)

The coefficient of alienation (.93) indicates that the regression equation for this variable is not a satisfactory fit, and that most of the variation in attitude toward black persons is not explained by variables in the equation.

The variables influencing ATTBLACK in the equation are attitude toward television portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB), self-concept (SELFCPT), and other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB). Examining the zero order correlations, ATTBLACK correlates .26 with ATTTVPB; .18 with SELFCPT; and .16 with OTMEDIAB.

Based on the correlation coefficient, ATTTVPB has a beta coefficient of .25, maintaining the contribution that it makes to ATTBLACK, controlling for SELFCPT and OTMEDIAB. SELFCPT has a beta coefficient of .16 controlling for ATTTVPB and OTMEDIAB, and does not make a strong contribution to the dependent variable

ATTBLACK. When controlling for ATTTVPB and SELFCPT, the contribution of OTMEDIAB to ATTBLACK is even more attenuated than the correlation coefficient. The beta coefficient for OTMEDIAB is .08 showing no observed linear relationship to the dependent attitude. The multiple correlation for the equation is .32 explaining ten percent of the total variance.

Attitude Toward Television Portrayals
of Black Persons (ATTTVPB)

The coefficient of alienation is .95. The single influencing variable in the equation is significant others' attitudes toward black portrayals (SIGOTVPB). The correlation and beta coefficient is .37 explaining 14 percent of the variance in the attitude toward television portrayals.

Self-Concept (SELFCPT)

As discussed in Chapter II, the aspect of self-concept examined in this study is self-esteem or the respondent's estimation of self-worth and self-liking. Examining the results for the sample as a whole, the coefficient of alienation for the equation is .95. The exogenous variables exerting influence on self-concept are socioeconomic status (SES) and significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA). SELFCPT correlates .11 with SES and .27 with SIGOTHMA. When regressed against SELFCPT, SES and SIGOTHMA yield beta coefficients of .10 and .28, respectively. SES shows minimal direct relationship with self-concept while the influence

of significant others' attitudes toward mental ability on self-concept is somewhat stronger. The multiple correlation is .30.

Mental Ability (YOUSMART)

The coefficient of alienation is .95 and the single exogenous variable in the equation, significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA), correlates .32 with mental ability (YOUSMART).

Knowledge of Black Television Portrayals (KNOWBTVP)

Again the coefficient of alienation (.95) indicates a less than satisfactory fit of the lone influencing variable, frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB), but the correlation of .30 lends some support for the influence of FREQEXPB on knowledge.

Self-Interaction About Black Portrayals (SELFINTB)

The coefficient of alienation is .91. Self-interaction is influenced by mental ability (YOUSMART), knowledge of black television portrayals (KNOWBTVP), frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB), and direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL). The correlation coefficients and beta coefficients of SELFINTB with other variables in the equation are:

	SELFINTB	
	Correlation	Beta
YOUSMART	.13	.12
KNOWBTVP	.13	.07
FREQEXPB	.25	.23
KNBLKWL	.30	.28

As the correlation and beta coefficients indicate, support exists for the influence of frequency of exposure to black portrayals and direct experience with black persons, but the influence of mental ability and knowledge of the portrayals on self-interaction is negligible. The multiple correlation for variables in the equation is .40.

Media Perception of Black Portrayals (MEDIAPRB)

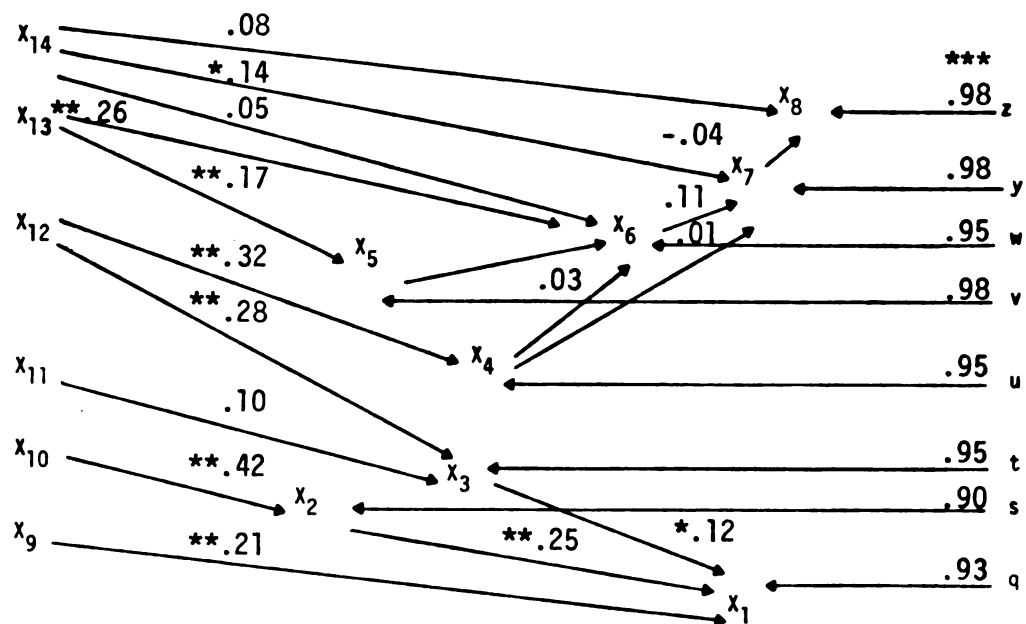
The coefficient of alienation is .97 for the MEDIAPRB equation, and three variables impact on the dependent variable: mental ability (YOUSMART), self-interaction (SELFINTB), and direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL). The total variance explained is negligible (five percent). The strongest influencing variable in the equation is SELFINTB which only correlates .17 with MEDIAPRB, and has a beta coefficient of .22. YOUSMART exerts no influence on MEDIAPRB for the sample as a whole.

Generalized Reality of Black
Portrayals (GENREALB)

The coefficient of alienation is .95; the exogenous and one other endogenous variables influencing GENREALB are media perception of black portrayals (MEDIAPRB) and direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL). MEDIAPRB has a negative beta coefficient as hypothesized, but the size of the coefficient is negligible (-.12) consistent with the correlation coefficient with GENREALB of -.10. KNBLKWL, also hypothesized to have a negative beta coefficient, has a positive beta coefficient (.21) consistent with the correlation of .21 with GENREALB. The multiple correlation is .24; the total variance explained is .05.

This concludes the discussion of the eight endogenous variables in the model examining the influence of television portrayals of black persons on the entire sample. As further evidence of patterns of covariation within the system, the influence of television portrayals of black and white persons across different sample groups were also examined. These results are represented in Figures 4 through 12.

Figure 4 presents this information across all respondents for white portrayals (N = 241). Path diagrams representing the results for black and white portrayals across the other sample groups are presented as follows: Figures 5 and 6, all white respondents (N = 142); Figures 7 and 8, all white respondents in the integrated schools (N = 94); Figures 9 and 10, white respondents in the nonintegrated school (N = 48); and Figures 11 and 12, all black respondents (N = 68).



where:

x_1 = attitude toward white persons (ATTWHITE)

x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of white persons (ATTVPW)

x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT)

x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART)

x_5 = knowledge of white TV portrayals (KNOWHTVP)

x_6 = self-interaction about white portrayals (SELFINTW)

x_7 = media perception of white portrayals (MEDIAPRW)

x_8 = generalized reality of white portrayals (GENREALW)

x_9 = other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW)

x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward white portrayals (SIGOTVPW)

x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES)

x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)

x_{13} = frequency of exposure to white portrayals (FREQEXPW)

x_{14} = direct experience with white persons (KNWHTWL)

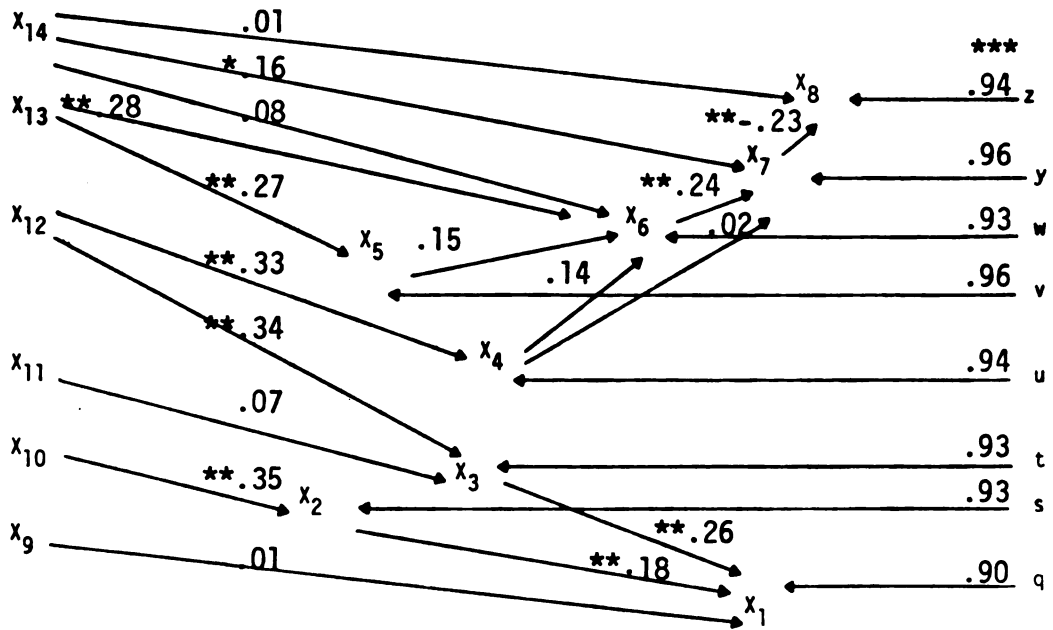
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Figure 4.--All Sample Respondents (White Portrayals)
(N = 241).

*p < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



where:

x_1 = attitude toward black persons (ATTBLACK)

x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of black persons (ATTVPB)

x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT)

x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART)

x_5 = knowledge of black TV portrayals (KNOWBTVP)

x_6 = self-interaction about black portrayals (SELFINTB)

x_7 = media perception of black portrayals (MEDIAPRB)

x_8 = generalized reality of black portrayals (GENREALB)

x_9 = other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)

x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward black portrayals (SIGOTVPB)

x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES)

x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)

x_{13} = frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQXPB)

x_{14} = direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)

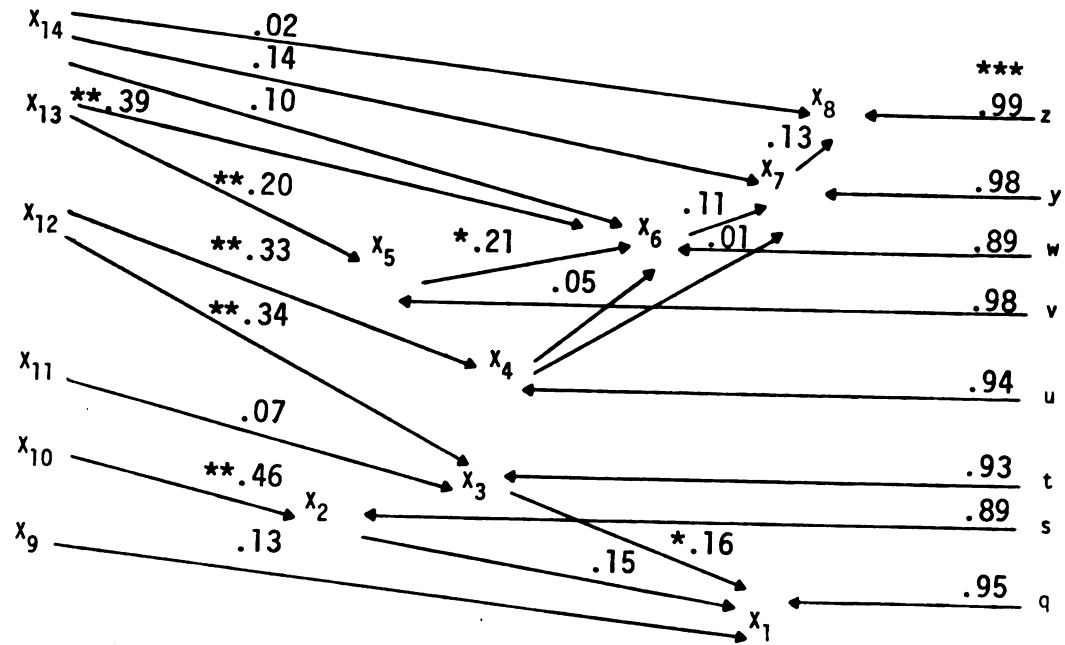
q, s, t . . . z = residual terms

Figure 5.--All White Respondents (Black Portrayals) (N = 142).

*p < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



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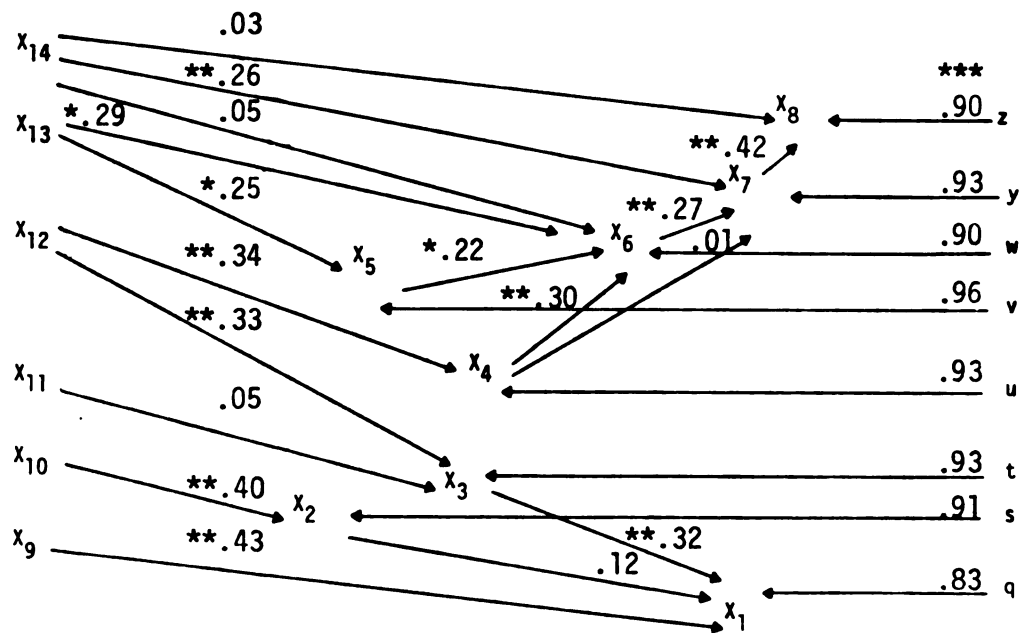
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| x_1 = attitude toward white persons (ATTWHITE) | x_9 = other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW) |
| x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of white persons (ATTTVPW) | x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward white portrayals (SIGOTVPW) |
| x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT) | x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES) |
| x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART) | x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA) |
| x_5 = knowledge of white TV portrayals (KNOWHTVP) | x_{13} = frequency of exposure to white portrayals (FREQEXPW) |
| x_6 = self-interaction about white portrayals (SELFINTW) | x_{14} = direct experience with white persons (KNWHTWL) |
| x_7 = media perception of white portrayals (MEDIAPRW) | $q, s, t \dots z$ = residual terms |
| x_8 = generalized reality of white portrayals (GENREALW) | |

Figure 6.--All White Respondents (White Portrayals) (N = 142).

*p < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



where:

x_1 = attitude toward black persons (ATTBLACK)

x_9 = other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)

x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)

x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward black portrayals (SIGOTVPB)

x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT)

x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES)

x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART)

x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)

x_5 = knowledge of black TV portrayals (KNOWBTVP)

x_{13} = frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB)

x_6 = self-interaction about black portrayals (SELFINTB)

x_{14} = direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)

x_7 = media perception of black portrayals (MEDIAPRB)

$q, s, t \dots z$ = residual terms

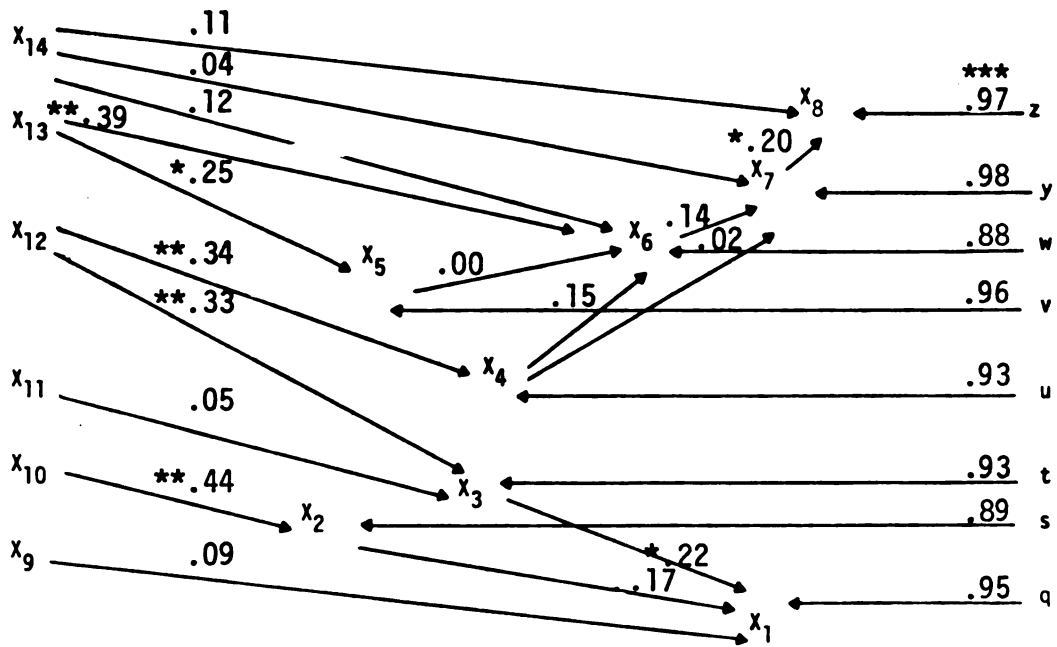
x_8 = generalized reality of black portrayals (GENREALB)

Figure 7.--White Respondents, Integrated Schools (Black Portrayals) (N = 94).

*P < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



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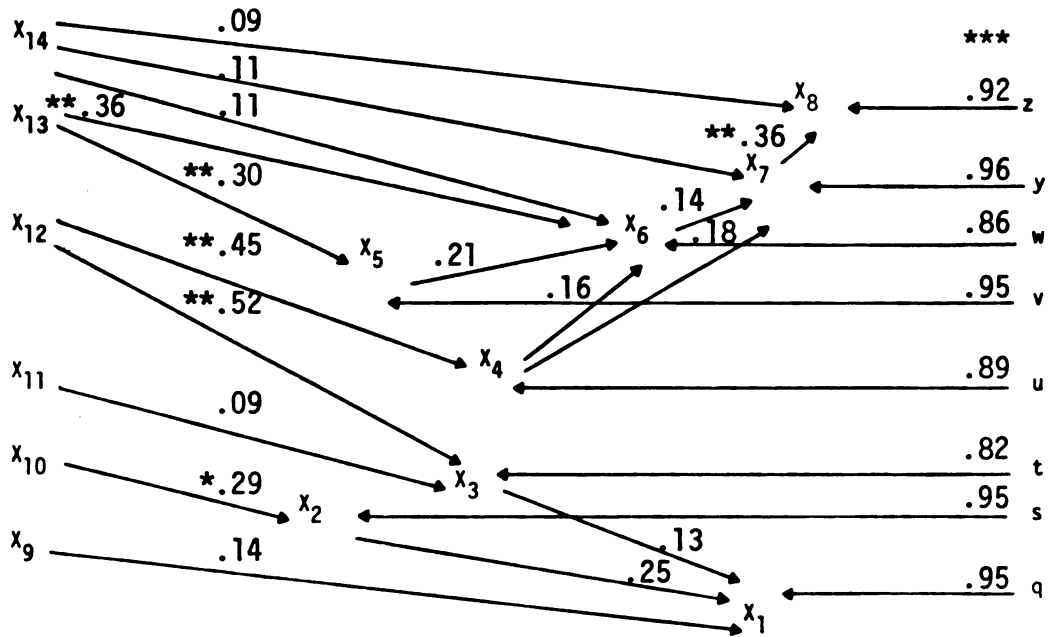
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| x_1 = attitude toward white persons (ATTWHITE) | x_9 = other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIW) |
| x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of white persons (ATTTVPW) | x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward white portrayals (SIGOTVPW) |
| x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT) | x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES) |
| x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART) | x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA) |
| x_5 = knowledge of white TV portrayals (KNOWHTVP) | x_{13} = frequency of exposure to white portrayals (FREQEXPW) |
| x_6 = self-interaction about white portrayals (SELFINTW) | x_{14} = direct experience with white persons (KNWHTWL) |
| x_7 = media perception of white portrayals (MEDIAPRW) | $q, s, t \dots z$ = residual terms |
| x_8 = generalized reality of white portrayals (GENREALW) | |

Figure 8.--White Respondents, Integrated Schools (White Portrayals) (N = 94).

*p < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



where:

x_1 = attitude toward black persons (ATTBLACK)

x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)

x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT)

x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART)

x_5 = knowledge of black TV portrayals (KNOWBTVP)

x_6 = self-interaction about black portrayals (SELFINTB)

x_7 = media perception of black portrayals (MEDIAPRB)

x_8 = generalized reality of black portrayals (GENREALB)

x_9 = other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)

x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward black portrayals (SIGOTVPB)

x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES)

x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)

x_{13} = frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB)

x_{14} = direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL)

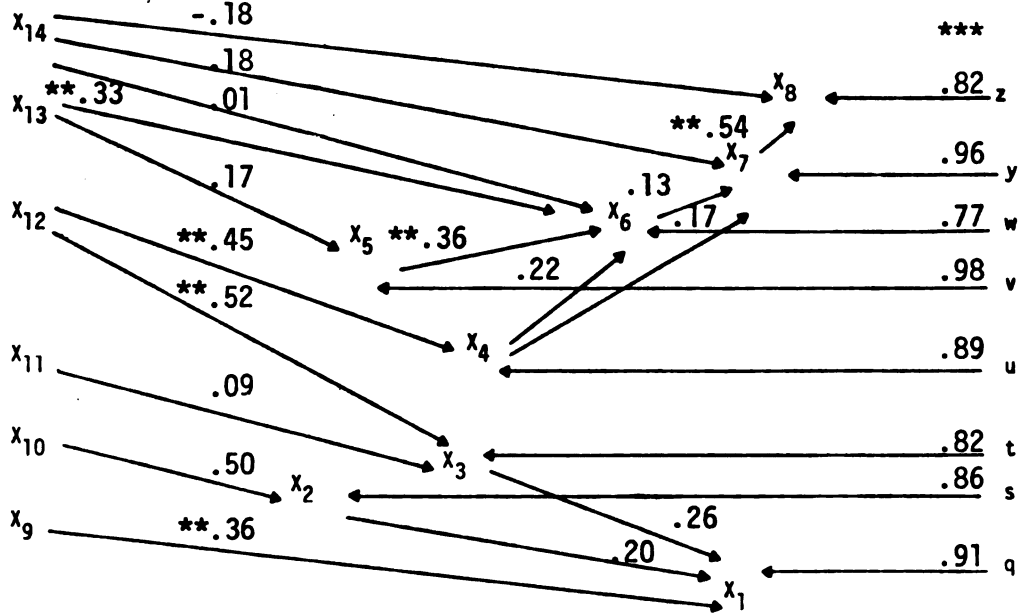
$q, s, t \dots z$ = residual terms

Figure 9.--White Respondents, Nonintegrated School (Black Portrayals) (N = 48).

* $p < .05$

** $p < .01$

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



where:

X_1 = attitude toward white persons (ATTWHITE)

X_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of white persons (ATTTVPW)

X_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT)

X_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART)

X_5 = knowledge of white TV portrayals (KNOWHTVP)

X_6 = self-interaction about white portrayals (SELFINTW)

X_7 = media perception of white portrayals (MEDIAPRW)

X_8 = generalized reality of white portrayals (GENREALW)

X_9 = other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAPW)

X_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward white portrayals (SIGOTVWP)

X_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES)

X_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)

X_{13} = frequency of exposure to white portrayals (FREQEXPW)

X_{14} = direct experience with white persons (KNWHTWL)

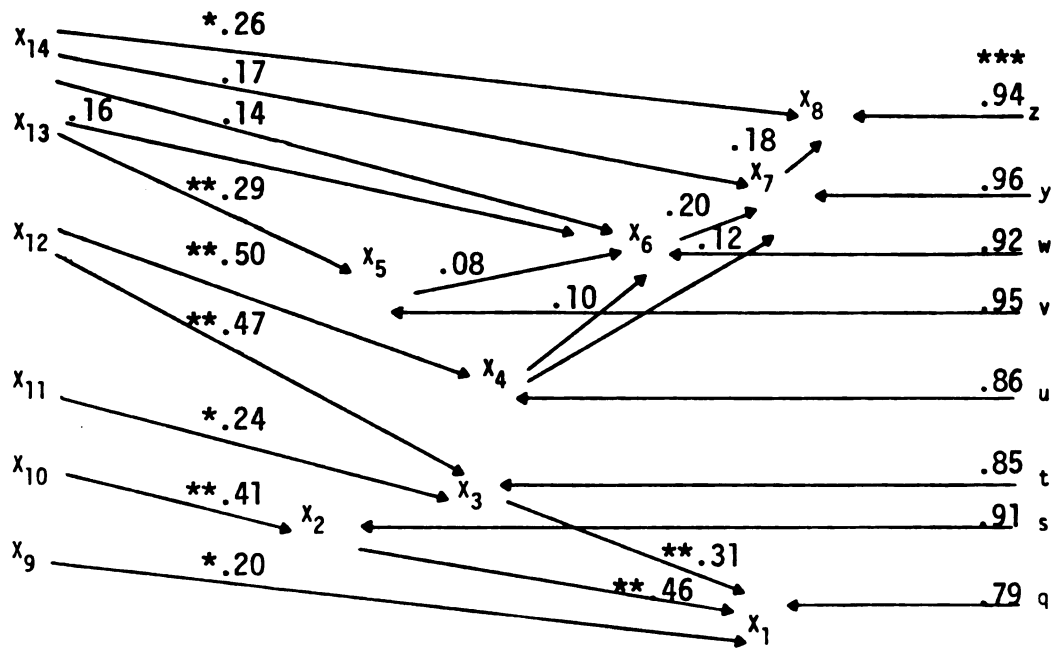
q, s, t, \dots, z = residual terms

Figure 10.--White Respondents, Nonintegrated School (White Portrayals) (N = 48).

* $p < .05$

** $p < .01$

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



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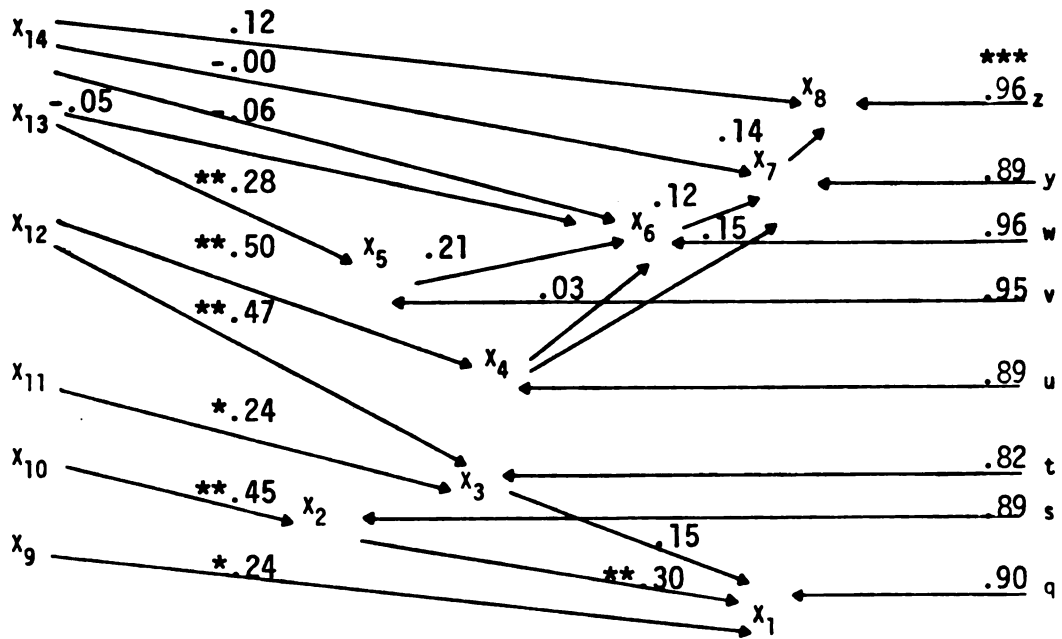
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| x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB) | x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward black portrayals (SIGOTVPB) |
| x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT) | x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES) |
| x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART) | x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA) |
| x_5 = knowledge of black TV portrayals (KNOWBTVP) | x_{13} = frequency of exposure to black portrayals (FREQEXPB) |
| x_6 = self-interaction about black portrayals (SELFINTB) | x_{14} = direct experience with black persons (KNBLKWL) |
| x_7 = media perception of black portrayals (MEDIAPRB) | |
| x_8 = generalized reality of black portrayals (GENREALB) | $q, s, t \dots z$ = residual terms |

Figure 11.--All Black Respondents (Black Portrayals) (N = 68).

*p < .05

**p < .01

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$



where:

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|---|---|
| x_1 = attitude toward white persons (ATTWHITE) | x_9 = other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW) |
| x_2 = attitude toward TV portrayals of white persons (ATTVPW) | x_{10} = significant others' attitudes toward white portrayals (SIGOTVPW) |
| x_3 = self-concept (SELFCPT) | x_{11} = socioeconomic status (SES) |
| x_4 = mental ability (YOUSMART) | x_{12} = significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA) |
| x_5 = knowledge of white TV portrayals (KNOWHTVP) | x_{13} = frequency of exposure to white portrayals (FREQEXPW) |
| x_6 = self-interaction about white portrayals (SELFINTW) | x_{14} = direct experience with white persons (KNWHTWL) |
| x_7 = media perception of white portrayals (MEDIAPRW) | $q, s, t \dots z$ = residual terms |
| x_8 = generalized reality of white portrayals (GENREALW) | |

Figure 12.--All Black Respondents (White Portrayals)
(N = 68).

* $p < .05$

** $p < .01$

*** = $\sqrt{1 - R^2}$

The net result of the correlational evidence when examined across all sample groups is that these correlations are generally small or negligible, an initial indication that substantially more variation exists in the system than could have been initially predicted by the theory.

Even though the zero-order correlation coefficients are weak overall, the most important result deriving from examination of these coefficients is the cross sample variability. As indicated, some features or parameters of the model should exhibit stability across applications. The cross sample variability is additional evidence that the ordinary least squares regression equations will not fit the model as postulated for this data set.

As examples of this cross sample variability:

1. For all white respondents in the integrated schools (N = 94):
 - a. attitude toward black persons (ATTBLACK) and other media attitudes (OTMEDIAB) correlate .44 compared to correlations of .29 and below for all other sample groups;
 - b. media perception of black portrayals and generalized reality of black portrayals correlate .43 compared to a correlation of -.10 for all other sample groups.
2. For white respondents in the nonintegrated school:
 - a. self-concept and significant others' attitudes toward mental ability correlate .53 compared to correlations of .27 and below for all other sample groups;
 - b. media perception of white portrayals and generalized reality of white portrayals correlate .55 compared to correlations of .14 and below for all other sample groups;

- c. knowledge of white portrayals and self-interaction about those portrayals correlate .43 compared to correlations of .27 and below for all other sample groups.

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Several limitations affected this research, the most important of which is the highly exploratory nature of the research. As noted, this research initially suggested reciprocal influence between (1) perceived mental ability and significant others' attitude toward mental ability; (2) self-concept and attitude toward the ethnic group; (3) significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals and the respondent's attitude toward television portrayals; and (4) the respondent's attitude toward television portrayals and the attitude toward the ethnic group. Preliminary evidence from the correlation matrices and the high levels of unexplained variance from application of the ordinary least squares



regression equations did not warrant construction of a model with reciprocal influence. Deleting these reciprocal influences changed the nature of the model to an unknown extent. A thorough search of the literature provides neither a media effects model incorporating reciprocal influence nor research incorporating symbolic interactionism as a framework for examining media effects.

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Directions for Future Research

As discussed in Chapter II, several theoretically appealing models could be derived from an examination of the symbolic interactionist perspective. Of these several possible models, those which would be theoretically complete would include reciprocal influence considerations. Further, to totally capture the dynamic framework suggested by symbolic interactionism the model would require application over time with concomitant consideration given to the changing nature of the television portrayals. A model inclusive of reciprocal influence within a research design that includes testing the model over time would appear to be necessary starting points then for future research considerations.

Such a task is a formidable one as it was at the outset of this study. The task is complicated by (1) the lack of a complete theory offered by symbolic interactionism and, therefore, the several interpretations that may be lent; and (2) the inability to establish a priori certain conditions of conceptualization and measurement with no previous research to guide the planning.

While initial statistical evidence did not fully support the model selected for this study, results of the study provide a preliminary basis for further exploration. Such an exploration appears more fruitfully pursued by retrospectively examining the conceptualization and measurement of the variables.

Attitude Toward the Ethnic Group

A theoretical assumption made in tapping attitude toward the ethnic group was that a correspondence exists between the respondent's

attitude and significant others' attitudes toward the ethnic group, therefore, only the respondent's attitude was measured. Clearly, the predictive power of the model would be increased by either directly measuring significant others' attitudes toward the ethnic group or measuring the perceived attitudes of significant others as reported by the respondent. Further, hypothesizing a reciprocal influence between the respondent's attitude and significant others' attitudes would more precisely conform to the Meadian use of attitude in symbolic interactionism. That use of attitude posits that an individual reflects the attitudes of others, responds internally and reacts; in the process the attitudes of others are affected (see pp. 18-19, Chapter I).

The theoretical notion of attitude toward the ethnic group and therefore the measurement of this attitude needs further refinement. This attitude was conceptually defined as the extent of liking for a given ethnic group as a whole. Perhaps this treatment of attitude is too simplistic, especially for any set of attitudes as complex as racial attitudes. Several different dimensions affect attitude as a concept (e.g., good-bad; friendly-unfriendly; nice-not nice; smart-not smart). Further study may need to explore some of these dimensions for appropriate applicability. Also, these dimensions of attitude may need to be explored in relationship to the respondent as well as to others. For example, attitude toward black persons has more theoretical import if it is known to what degree a white respondent regards black persons in general along these dimensions compared to self and compared to other white persons in general.

Attitude Toward Television Portrayals

For this attitude, the corresponding attitudes of significant others (as perceived by the respondent) were measured. A reciprocal path between these attitudes (and attitudes toward the ethnic group) was originally hypothesized. In future model construction and research this reciprocal influence should be maintained in conformity to the overall theoretical framework. As measured, significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals yielded a strong contribution to the respondent's attitude toward these portrayals. For the sample as a whole, the zero-order correlation between significant others' attitudes toward the portrayals and the respondents' attitudes was .41 for black portrayals and .61 for white portrayals.

As with attitude toward the ethnic group, the conceptualization and measurement of attitude toward television portrayals may require rethinking. For any identified dimensions that may affect attitude toward the ethnic group, parallel dimensions should be measured for attitude toward television portrayals and significant other attitudes toward television portrayals. The measurement of these dimensions should again include their application to the respondent and to television portrayals featuring other ethnic group members.

Self-Concept

The dimension of self-concept tapped in this study is self-esteem or the estimation of self worth and self-liking. Symbolic interactionism posits that self-concept subsumes and is an

organization of all the attributes and qualities derived about self from interaction with others. This suggests a hypothesized reciprocal influence between the respondent's notion of self and significant others' notion of the respondent's self. Again, this significant other influence may be directly tapped or based on perceived significant other influence as reported by the respondent. The scaling of self-concept also requires additional work. The two scale items measuring self-concept had an intercorrelation of .39 which may reflect a change in the structure of the multiple choice responses between the two items. The internal consistency of the scale would likely improve if the multiple choice responses were the same. Further, self-concept might better adhere to the overall framework if self-concept were evaluated along the same dimensions as used in gauging attitude toward the ethnic group and attitude toward television portrayals. This treatment of self-concept was alluded to in the discussions under attitude toward the ethnic group and attitude toward television portrayals in this section.

Mental Ability

In this study, mental ability was defined as the respondent's perceived level of smartness or intelligence, and as theoretically underlying the self-interaction process as well as being a dimension of self-concept. As a predictor of self-interaction, mental ability, based on the respondent's perceived mental ability, is not objective (that is, may be biased) in the contribution that it makes to self-interaction and therefore may be unsatisfactory. The measurement problem here is, would any measure

of mental ability be unbiased? Traditional intelligence scales face a valid criticism of being culturally bound. Relying on a teacher's evaluation of a respondent's mental ability may face the same criticism if not being subject to other criticisms of objectivity. Future research is confronted with either theoretically ruling out mental ability or accepting a measure of mental ability which is a priori known to be less than completely satisfactory.

Self-Interaction

As cast in the system, self-interaction, defined as the amount of thinking about the stimulus television portrayal, emerged as a weak variable contributing little to media perception of the portrayals. Symbolic interactionists argue that informational inputs to attitudes constantly undergo cognitive interpretation and organization leading to attitudinal changes. This would suggest that within a given system, self-interaction needs to be measured directly in regard to attitudes toward the ethnic group and attitudes toward television portrayals. Further, as symbolic interactionism suggests, self-interaction should be reciprocally related to both attitudes. The broadened conceptualization of self-interaction would include the amount of thinking not only about the television portrayals but about the ethnic group under consideration.

In this study, self-interaction is operationalized as: "When this person is not on TV, how much do you think about him (her)?" The response choices are "a lot," "sometimes," "never." In the pretest questionnaire, self-interaction was originally conceptualized as attitudinal concepts that underlie the attitude

toward a given stimulus television portrayal. The operationalization of self-interaction in the pretest yielded more than 200 attributes for the television characters. The frequency with which each attribute or concept was mentioned was either too even or too scattered to reduce to individually salient items. The alternatives were to isolate by fiat some attributes upon which the television characters could be evaluated, or turn to a grosser, yet perhaps more straightforward and unbiased indicator of self-interaction which still conformed to the formulation of self-interaction within symbolic interactionism.

While the form of the self-interaction question in the final instrument appears appropriate within a broadened conceptualization, extending the response choices to an interval or higher level of measurement is desirable.

Knowledge of Television Portrayals

The knowledge variable and index includes two dimensions: identification of the name and race of the stimulus television character. The measurement of knowledge was exploratory in this research and as such the impact of knowledge as a variable may have been weakened. In the pretest, name and race identification questions were open-ended. Respondents had difficulty with the terms "race" and "color" in the race identification question, however, and in the final instrument response choices were provided for this question. The name identification question remained open-ended. The open-ended and response choice questions were combined as knowledge indices for parsimony in the model.

For black portrayals the intercorrelation for name identification was .25 and for race identification, .28. These intercorrelations were appreciably higher for white portrayals: .60 for the name identification questions and .41 for the race identification questions. The higher intercorrelation for white portrayals may be partly explained, however, by the fact that two characters from the same program were used. Ability to identify the name and/or race of one character would suggest the ability to identify the name and/or race of the other.

The intent of the original open-ended questions was to overcome two frequent assumptions in research on media effects and children's racial attitudes (discussed in Chapter III). These assumptions are (1) that the child is familiar with the television characters under examination, and (2) that the child is aware of differences in race among those characters.

Frequency distributions across the questions indicate that assumptions of character and race knowledge may not be totally valid. Of 241 respondents, 34 did not know Florida Evans and five respondents did not know her race; 29 did not know Redd Foxx and nine did not know his race. Twenty-six respondents misidentified Archie Bunker; 11 did not know his race. For Edith Bunker, 37 failed to correctly identify her and 12 failed to identify her race. While these figures may in part indicate lack of familiarity with the name and race of the characters, they also raise the possibility that the number of blank or "I don't know" responses could likely increase if response categories were not provided. With these

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The preceding discussion raises issues in regard to use of the stimulus television pictures. While by necessity the number of pictures was limited, future research should consider enlarging the sample of stimulus pictures as a stronger indication of systematic effect and for increasing reliability of responses. Given the temporal nature of these portrayals, over time variation in these portrayals should be included as a consideration in over time application of the model.

Media Perception

Symbolic interactionism asserts that because an object may be represented variously (as in the case of minority group members as television characters and minority group members encountered in person) an individual may hold separate attitudes toward each of these representations. The object of the media perception variable (defined as the extent to which television characters are perceived as having an existence or lifestyle apart from their television

roles) was to provide a basis for this assertion by first determining if the respondent distinguished between a television role and a set of independent behaviors and attributes not associated with that role.

When another variable in the model is considered, generalized reality, the inclusion of the media perception variable appears superfluous. Generalized reality is defined as the extent to which the respondent perceives behaviors of television characters to be applicable to a given ethnic group as a whole. The measurement of generalized reality then, determines the association the respondent makes between behaviors and attributes in a television role and behaviors and attributes apart from that role. While the measurement of media perception was exploratory and presented scale items that appeared to accurately tap the role versus individual distinction (scale reliabilities are .72 and .65 for black and white portrayals), generalized reality appears to be the more direct concept. Clearly, however, the scale item wording of generalized reality should be reduced to make the item less cumbersome.

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Other Media Attitudes

Television exposure as well as exposure to other media provides a symbolic environment influencing the development of an attitude. Other media attitudes is the perceived media treatment of minority and majority groups derived from book reading and radio listening.

The measurement of other media attitudes needs improvement. The intercorrelation for other media attitudes toward black persons is a low .10 and the intercorrelation for media attitudes toward white persons is .23. Five response choices for the media treatment items range from "very good" to "very bad." The sixth response choice is "I don't know." These response choices are subject to different interpretations. Some black respondents, for example, interpreted "very bad" and "bad" to mean "very good" and "good" which is a common and current slang usage among black persons. For other respondents who chose "very good" or "good" these responses meant that books and radio are biased toward the ethnic group. Using response categories ranging from "very fair" to "very unfair" may substantially reduce these various interpretations.

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Significant Others' Attitudes Toward Television Portrayals

Symbolic interaction posits that individuals are predisposed to certain individuals and groups of individuals who in the roles of significant others exert direct and indirect influence on the individual's roles and attitudes. Based on the zero-order correlations across all groups in the sample, the contribution of significant other attitudes toward television portrayals is strongly supported in the model. It was suggested in the discussion under attitude toward television portrayals (and attitude toward the ethnic group) that other dimensions may be more salient in attitudes than "liking," the dimension measured in this study. New dimensions that may be explored for the respondent's attitude necessitates exploration of these dimensions for significant others. As also discussed under attitude toward television portrayals, future model building should consider the reciprocal relationship between attitude toward television portrayals and significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals, in conformity to the symbolic interactionist framework.

A variable not included in the model but which has implications for significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals is the viewing context (persons reported by the respondent who view the stimulus programs with the respondent). As shown in the

frequency table of significant other mentions for attitude toward the portrayals (Appendix B), the most frequently mentioned significant others are friends (459), mothers (365), brothers (331), fathers (307), and sisters (285).

When these frequencies are compared to frequency of mention for persons in the viewing context, family members as expected take precedence. The frequencies are mothers (615), brothers (536), sisters (532), fathers (487), and friends (192).

These frequencies indicate that while significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals often stem from the immediate family and viewing situation itself, considerable interaction occurs outside of the viewing situation, with friends.

Significant Other Attitudes Toward Mental Ability

The conceptualization and measurement of mental ability was based on the respondent's perceived mental ability and as such the parallel influence of perceived significant others' attitudes toward mental ability was also measured. However, as discussed, mental ability is subject to deletion from the framework on theoretical grounds. If a more straightforward measure of mental ability is used this would appear to negate the need for a parallel measure of significant other influence. As measured, significant others' attitudes toward mental ability yielded a strong influence on the respondent's mental ability. If perceived mental ability is retained in future model building, the formulation of symbolic

interactionism would suggest reciprocal influence between the two variables.

Socioeconomic Status

Awareness of social and economic status serves as a reference point for the comparison of self to others, according to interactionists. Socioeconomic status then was theorized to be an important part of self-concept. As measured, socioeconomic status overall wielded negligible influence on self-concept. Several issues are raised in regard to future considerations of this variable:

1. Despite assertions by Shibutani (1961) and others that children at an early age develop status identifies based on social and economic considerations, doubt persists that a majority of children are really aware of these considerations and their meaning. Pretest questions sought to determine this awareness by measuring the respondent's perception of the economic status of the stimulus television characters (and by association, the two ethnic groups) in relation to the respondent. These measures were confounded, however, by confusion with the economic status of the television role itself, the actor or actress portraying the role, and the carryover of either of these factors to the ethnic group in general. As part of the necessity to shorten questionnaire length, these measures were dropped from the final instrument. Future research may involve reinstating the determinations and salience of this awareness with more precise measures.

2. The previous discussion suggests that socioeconomic status may not be a salient dimension of self-concept as theorized. Theoretical interpretation, however, would also suggest examining the direct influence of socioeconomic status on attitude toward the ethnic group, although this study provides no empirical support for this relationship.

3. As discussed in Chapter III, parent's occupations were obtained by self-report of the respondent. The occupations were then scored based on the NORC scale of occupational prestige (1951; and as reported in Reiss et al., 1961). Socioeconomic status determinations as measured by these scales tend to be deceptive, especially in light of the several changes in occupational classifications, salaries, and prestige levels that have occurred over the last decade. A more valid indication of socioeconomic status in future research may be to base socioeconomic status on income and educational levels, obtained directly from parents and/or school records.

Frequency of Exposure

As conceptualized, the frequency with which children are exposed to consistent and systematic television portrayals provides a basis for a consistent and systematic impact. Frequency of exposure for each stimulus character was measured on a five-point interval scale. While no measurement problems per se were encountered, measurement and explanatory precision could be improved by a ratio scale of time spent viewing each set of programs over the total number of hours viewed per week.

Direct Experience

Conceptually, direct experience is the extent to which respondents perceive they know minority and majority individuals. The basis of direct experience in symbolic interactionism is that interpretation of the behaviors of others often arises from direct interaction; these interpretations become vehicles for categorizing and evaluating other individuals in relationship to self. Direct experience was measured in an open-ended question by the respondent's self-report of the number of black and white persons known well. More precise measurement should include frequency of contact in seeing and talking to black and white persons, nature of contact (e.g., number of black and white persons considered as friends), and quality of contact (e.g., amount of enjoyment, liking, or preference) in talking to or having black and white persons as friends.

The discussion in this chapter has suggested that future modeling include reciprocal influences and the additional considerations of reconceptualization and remeasurement of the several variables in the overall system. These proposed changes more completely embody the thrust of symbolic interactionism as interpreted in this study, and the implications arising from this interpretation for mass media research on racial attitudes. Revised frameworks based on these considerations provide a new class and scheme of variables whose processual emphasis offers improved direction for investigation of media effects.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

PRETEST QUESTIONNAIRE

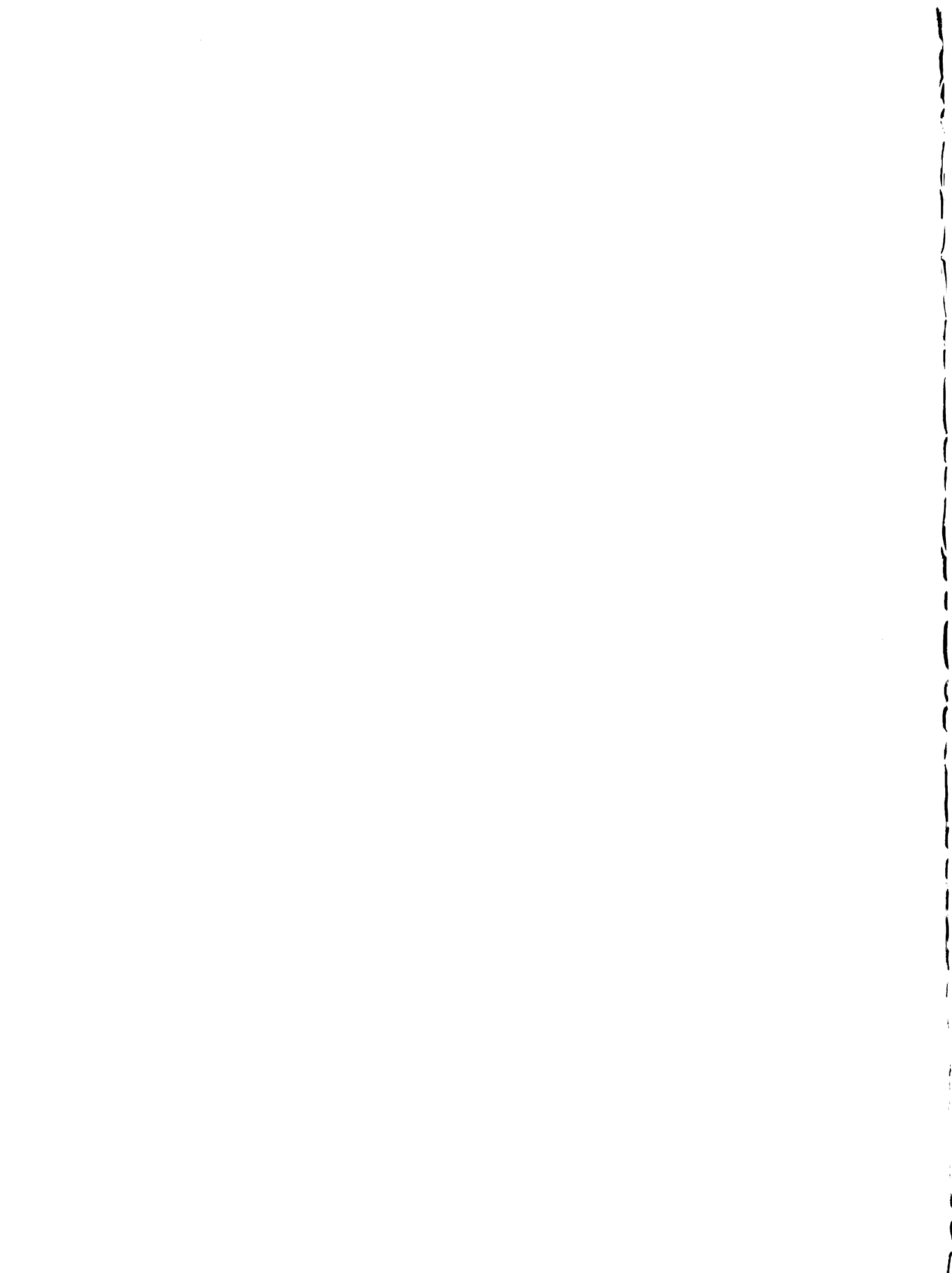
INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE

PRETEST QUESTIONNAIRE

"Television and You"



TELEVISION

and

YOU



1. Who is this person? _____ (10)
2. What TV program is this person on? _____ (11)
3. What race or color is the person in this picture? _____ (12)
4. How often do you watch this TV program? (13)
 - ___ almost once every week
 - ___ about once every two weeks
 - ___ about once a month
 - ___ about once every two to three months
 - ___ almost never
5. When this person is on TV, do you think this is the person's real life, or is the person just playing a part or pretending? (14)
 - ___ it's the person's real life
 - ___ just playing a part or pretending
 - ___ don't know

6. How much money do you think the family of the person in the picture makes, compared to how much your family makes? (15)

they make more than my family

they make about the same as my family

they make less than my family

7. How much money do you think your family makes? (16)

a lot of money

some money

not very much money

8. Who usually watches this program with you? (17)

I usually watch it by myself (18)

mother

father

sister(s) How many sisters do you usually watch with?

brother(s) How many brothers do you usually watch with?

friends How many friends do you usually watch with?

aunt(s) How many aunts do you usually watch with?

uncle(s) How many uncles do you usually watch with?

cousin(s) How many cousins do you usually watch with?

grandmother

grandfather

neighbor(s) How many neighbors do you usually watch with?

babysitter

9. What do you think of the person in the picture? What kind of person do you think he or she is? Please put down all the words you can think of that tell about the person. (19)

10. Now of all the things that you think about this person, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (20)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any

11. How much do you like the person in the picture? (21)
(put a check in the space for your answer)

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <u> </u>
very
much | <u> </u>
some | <u> </u>
neither
like nor
dislike | <u> </u>
dislike
some | <u> </u>
don't like
at all |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|

12. Please list all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. If you have talked to no one about the person in the picture, check the space here _____, and go to question 13. (22)

For each person you list, check how much you think they like the person in the picture.

<u>Person you have talked to</u>	<u>How much do they like the person in the picture?</u>					
1.	<u> </u> very much	<u> </u> some	<u> </u> neither like nor dislike	<u> </u> dislike some	<u> </u> don't like at all	(23)
2.	<u> </u> very much	<u> </u> some	<u> </u> neither like nor dislike	<u> </u> dislike some	<u> </u> don't like at all	(24)
3.	<u> </u> very much	<u> </u> some	<u> </u> neither like nor dislike	<u> </u> dislike some	<u> </u> don't like at all	(25)

person you have talked to

How much do they like the
person in the picture?

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(26)
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<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(27)
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<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(28)
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If you listed anyone by his or her name for the above question, please go back and under the name of the person, write whether the person is your mother, father, brother, sister, friend, cousin, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, teacher, or whoever the person is.

13. Of all the things you have heard others say about the person in the picture, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (29)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any



1. Who is this person? _____ (30)

2. What TV program is this person on? _____ (31)

3. What race or color is the person in this picture? (32)

4. How often do you watch this TV program? (33)

almost once every week

about once every two weeks

about once a month

about once every two to three months

almost never

5. When this person is on TV, do you think this is the person's real life, or is the person just playing a part or pretending?

it's the person's real life

just playing a part or pretending

don't know

(34)

6. How much money do you think the family of the person in the picture makes, compared to how much your family makes? (35)

they make more than my family

they make about the same as my family

they make less than my family

7. How much money do you think your family makes? (36)

a lot of money

some money

not very much money

8. Who usually watches this program with you? (37)

I usually watch it by myself (38)

mother

father

sister(s) How many sisters do you usually watch with?

brother(s) How many brothers do you usually watch with?

friends How many friends do you usually watch with?

aunt(s) How many aunts do you usually watch with?

uncle(s) How many uncles do you usually watch with?

cousin(s) How many cousins do you usually watch with?

grandmother

grandfather

neighbor(s) How many neighbors do you usually watch with?

babysitter

9. What do you think of the person in the picture? What kind of person do you think he or she is? Please put down all the words you can think of that tell about the person. (39)

10. Now of all the things that you think about this person, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV?

(40)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any

11. How much do you like the person in the picture?

(41)

(put a check in the space for your answer)

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| very
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like nor
dislike | dislike
some | don't like
at all |

12. Please list all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. If you have talked to no one about the person in the picture, check the space here _____, and go to question 13.

(42)

For each person you list, check how much you think they like the person in the picture.

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the person
in the picture?

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| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (43) |
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| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (44) |
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| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | (45) |
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like nor
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some | don't
like
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person you have talked to

How much do they like the
person in the picture?

4.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(46)
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5.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(47)
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6.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(48)
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If you listed anyone by his or her name for the above question, please go back and under the name of the person, write whether the person is your mother, father, brother, sister, friend, cousin, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, teacher, or whoever the person is.

13. Of all the things you have heard others say about the person in the picture, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (49)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any



1. Who is this person? _____ (50)
2. What TV program is this person on? _____ (51)
3. What race or color is the person in this picture?
_____ (52)
4. How often do you watch this TV program? (53)
___ almost once every week
___ about once every two weeks
___ about once a month
___ about once every two to three months
___ almost never
5. When this person is on TV, do you think this is the person's
real life, or is the person just playing a part or pretending?
___ it's the person's real life
___ just playing a part or pretending (54)
___ don't know

6. How much money do you think the family of the person in the picture makes, compared to how much your family makes? (55)

- they make more than my family
- they make about the same as my family
- they make less than my family

7. How much money do you think your family makes? (56)

- a lot of money
- some money
- not very much money

8. Who usually watches this program with you? (57)

- I usually watch it by myself (58)
- mother
- father
- sister(s) How many sisters do you usually watch with?
- brother(s) How many brothers do you usually watch with?
- friends How many friends do you usually watch with?
- aunt(s) How many aunts do you usually watch with?
- uncle(s) How many uncles do you usually watch with?
- cousin(s) How many cousins do you usually watch with?
- grandmother
- grandfather
- neighbor(s) How many neighbors do you usually watch with?
- babysitter

9. What do you think of the person in the picture? What kind of person do you think he or she is? Please put down all the words you can think of that tell about the person. (59)

10. Now of all the things that you think about this person, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (60)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any

11. How much do you like the person in the picture? (61)
(put a check in the space for your answer)

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|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't like</u>
at all |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|

12. Please list all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. If you have talked to no one about the person in the picture, check the space here _____, and go to question 13. (62)

For each person you list, check how much you think they like the person in the picture.

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the person in the picture?

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| 1. | <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't</u>
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at all | (63) |
| 2. | <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't</u>
like
at all | (64) |
| 3. | <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't</u>
like
at all | (65) |

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the person in the picture?

- | | | | | | | |
|----|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|------|
| 4. | <u> </u>
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at all | (68) |

If you listed anyone by his or her name for the above question, please go back and under the name of the person, write whether the person is your mother, father, brother, sister, friend, cousin, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, teacher, or whoever the person is.

13. Of all the things you have heard others say about the person in the picture, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (69)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any



1. Who is this person? _____ (70)
2. What TV program is this person on? _____ (71)
3. What race or color is the person in this picture? (72)

4. How often do you watch this TV program? (73)
- ___ almost once every week
- ___ about once every two weeks
- ___ about once a month
- ___ about once every two to three months
- ___ almost never
5. When this person is on TV, do you think this is the person's real life, or is the person just playing a part or pretending? (74)
- ___ it's the person's real life
- ___ just playing a part or pretending
- ___ don't know

6. How much money do you think the family of the person in the picture makes, compared to how much your family makes? (75)

they make more than my family

they make about the same as my family

they make less than my family

7. How much money do you think your family makes? (76)

a lot of money

some money

not very much money

8. Who usually watches this program with you? (77)

I usually watch it by myself (78)

mother

father

sister(s) How many sisters do you usually watch with?

brother(s) How many brothers do you usually watch with?

friends How many friends do you usually watch with?

aunt(s) How many aunts do you usually watch with?

uncle(s) How many uncles do you usually watch with?

cousin(s) How many cousins do you usually watch with?

grandmother

grandfather

neighbor(s) How many neighbors do you usually watch with?

babysitter

9. What do you think of the person in the picture? What kind of person do you think he or she is? Please put down all the words you can think of that tell about the person. (79)

10. Now of all the things that you think about this person, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (80)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any

11. How much do you like the person in the picture? (1)
(put a check in the space for your answer)

- | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't like</u>
at all |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|

12. Please list all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. If you have talked to no one about the person in the picture, check the space here _____, and go to question 13. (2)

For each person you list, check how much you think they like the person in the picture.

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the person in the picture?

- | | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't</u>
like
at all | (3) |
| 2. | <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't</u>
like
at all | (4) |
| 3. | <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't</u>
like
at all | (5) |

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the person in the picture?

4.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(6)
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5.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(7)
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6.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(8)
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If you listed anyone by his or her name for the above question, please go back and under the name of the person, write whether the person is your mother, father, brother, sister, friend, cousin, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, teacher, or whoever the person is.

13. Of all the things you have heard others say about the person in the picture, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (9)

- true for most
 true for some
 true for a few
 not true of any



1. Who is this person? _____ (10)
2. What TV program is this person on? _____ (11)
3. What race or color is the person in this picture? _____ (12)
4. How often do you watch this TV program? (13)
___ almost once every week
___ about once every two weeks
___ about once a month
___ about once every two to three months
___ almost never
5. When this person is on TV, do you think this is the person's real life, or is the person just playing a part or pretending? (14)
___ it's the person's real life
___ just playing a part or pretending
___ don't know

6. How much money do you think the family of the person in the picture makes, compared to how much your family makes? (15)
- they make more than my family
 - they make about the same as my family
 - they make less than my family
7. How much money do you think your family makes? (16)
- a lot of money
 - some money
 - not very much money
8. Who usually watches this program with you? (17)
- I usually watch it by myself (18)
 - mother
 - father
 - sister(s) How many sisters do you usually watch with?
 - brother(s) How many brothers do you usually watch with?
 - friends How many friends do you usually watch with?
 - aunt(s) How many aunts do you usually watch with?
 - uncle(s) How many uncles do you usually watch with?
 - cousin(s) How many cousins do you usually watch with?
 - grandmother
 - grandfather
 - neighbor(s) How many neighbors do you usually watch with?
 - babysitter
9. What do you think of the person in the picture? What kind of person do you think he or she is? Please put down all the words you can think of that tell about the person. (19)

10. Now of all the things that you think about this person, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (20)

- true for most
 true for some
 true for a few
 not true of any

11. How much do you like the person in the picture? (21)
 (put a check in the space for your answer)

- | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>very</u>
much | <u>some</u> | <u>neither</u>
like nor
dislike | <u>dislike</u>
some | <u>don't like</u>
at all |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|

12. Please list all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. If you have talked to no one about the person in the picture, check the space here _____, and go to question 13. (22)

For each person you list, check how much you think they like the person in the picture.

<u>Person you have talked to</u>	<u>How much do they like the person in the picture?</u>					
1.	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>neither</u> like nor dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all	(23)
2.	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>neither</u> like nor dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all	(24)
3.	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>neither</u> like nor dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all	(25)

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the
person in the picture?

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(26)
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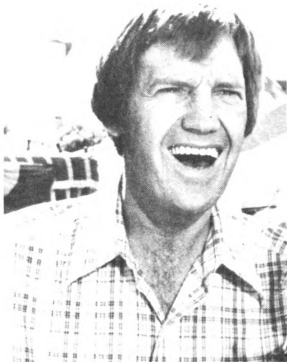
<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(27)
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<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(28)
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If you listed anyone by his or her name for the above question, please go back and under the name of the person, write whether the person is your mother, father, brother, sister, friend, cousin, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, teacher, or whoever the person is.

13. Of all the things you have heard others say about the person in the picture, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (29)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any



1. Who is this person? _____ (30)
2. What TV program is this person on? _____ (31)
3. What race or color is the person in this picture? _____ (32)
4. How often do you watch this TV program? _____ (33)
___ almost once every week
___ about once every two weeks
___ about once a month
___ about once every two to three months
___ almost never
5. When this person is on TV, do you think this is the person's real life, or is the person just playing a part or pretending?
___ it's the person's real life
___ just playing a part or pretending (34)
___ don't know

6. How much money do you think the family of the person in the picture makes, compared to how much your family makes? (35)

they make more than my family

they make about the same as my family

they make less than my family

7. How much money do you think your family makes? (36)

a lot of money

some money

not very much money

8. Who usually watches this program with you? (37)

I usually watch it by myself (38)

mother

father

sister(s) How many sisters do you usually watch with?

brother(s) How many brothers do you usually watch with?

friends How many friends do you usually watch with?

aunt(s) How many aunts do you usually watch with?

uncle(s) How many uncles do you usually watch with?

cousin(s) How many cousins do you usually watch with?

grandmother

grandfather

neighbor(s) How many neighbors do you usually watch with?

babysitter

9. What do you think of the person in the picture? What kind of person do you think he or she is? Please put down all the words you can think of that tell about the person. (39)

10. Now of all the things that you think about this person, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (40)

- true for most
- true for some
- true for a few
- not true of any

11. How much do you like the person in the picture? (4)

(put a check in the space for your answer)

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <u> </u>
very
much | <u> </u>
some | <u> </u>
neither
like nor
dislike | <u> </u>
dislike
some | <u> </u>
don't like
at all |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|

12. Please list all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. If you have talked to no one about the person in the picture, check the space here _____, and go to question 13. (42)

For each person you list, check how much you think they like the person in the picture.

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the person in the picture?

- | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | <u> </u>
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much | <u> </u>
some | <u> </u>
neither
like nor
dislike | <u> </u>
dislike
some | <u> </u>
don't
like
at all |
| 2. | <u> </u>
very
much | <u> </u>
some | <u> </u>
neither
like nor
dislike | <u> </u>
dislike
some | <u> </u>
don't
like
at all |
| 3. | <u> </u>
very
much | <u> </u>
some | <u> </u>
neither
like nor
dislike | <u> </u>
dislike
some | <u> </u>
don't
like
at all |

Person you have talked to

How much do they like the
person in the picture?

4.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(46)
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5.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(47)
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6.

<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>neither like nor dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>	(48)
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If you listed anyone by his or her name for the above question, please go back and under the name of the person, write whether the person is your mother, father, brother, sister, friend, cousin, grandmother, grandfather, neighbor, teacher, or whoever the person is.

13. Of all the things you have heard others say about the person in the picture, how true do you think those things are for people of this race who are not on TV? (49)

___ true for most

___ true for some

___ true for a few

___ not true of any

14. When you see family programs on TV like The Brady Bunch,
All in The Family, Apple's Way, or Good Times, do you think
these are families in real life or are the people just playing
a role or pretending? (50)

- these are real families
- they are just playing a part or pretending
- I don't know

15. How often do you see black people in real life (not on **TV**)? (51)

- less than once a week
- about once a week
- two to three times a week
- four to five times a week
- everyday

16. How often do you get a chance to talk to black people? (52)

- less than once a week
- about once a week
- two to three times a week
- four to five times a week
- everyday

17. How many black people would you say you know well? (53)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> none at all | <input type="checkbox"/> seven to eight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> one to two | <input type="checkbox"/> nine to ten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three to four | <input type="checkbox"/> eleven to fifteen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five to six | <input type="checkbox"/> sixteen to 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more | |

18. How many black friends do you have about your own age? . (54)

- none at all seven to eight
 one to two nine to ten
 three to four eleven to fifteen
 five to six sixteen to 20
 20 or more

19. How much do you like black people? (55)

- very much don't like or dislike
 somewhat don't like at all

20. How different do you think black people and white people are in the way they think and act? (56)

- very different
 not very different
 not different at all

21. On an average school day about how many programs do you watch on TV? (Circle your answer) (57)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

22. How often do you see white people in real life (not on TV)? (58)

- less than once a week
 about once a week
 two to three times a week
 four to five times a week
 everyday

23. How often do you get a chance to talk to white people? (59)

- less than once a week four to five times a week
 about once a week everyday
 two to three times a week

24. How many white people would you say you know well?

(60)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> none at all | <input type="checkbox"/> seven to eight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> one to two | <input type="checkbox"/> nine to ten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three to four | <input type="checkbox"/> eleven to fifteen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five to six | <input type="checkbox"/> sixteen to 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more | |

25. How many white friends do you have about your own age?

(61)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> none at all | <input type="checkbox"/> seven to eight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> one to two | <input type="checkbox"/> nine to ten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three to four | <input type="checkbox"/> eleven to fifteen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five to six | <input type="checkbox"/> sixteen to 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 or more | |

26. How much do you like white people?

(62)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very much | <input type="checkbox"/> don't like or dislike |
| <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> don't like at all |

27. How often do you read newspapers?

(63)

- less than once a week
- about once a week
- two to three times a week
- four to five times a week
- everyday

28. When you read things in the newspapers about black people, how do you think the newspapers show black people as being?

(64)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very good | <input type="checkbox"/> bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> very bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

29. How often do you read books?

(65)

- less than once a week
- about once a week
- two to three times a week
- four to five times a week
- everyday

30. When you read things in books about black people, how do you think the books show black people as being? (66)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very good | <input type="checkbox"/> bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> very bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

31. How often do you read magazines? (67)

- less than once a week
- about once a week
- two to three times a week
- four to five times a week
- everyday

32. When you read things in magazines about black people, how do you think the magazines show black people as being? (68)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very good | <input type="checkbox"/> bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> very bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

33. How often do you listen to the radio? (69)

- less than one hour a day
- one to two hours a day
- two to three hours a day
- three to four hours a day
- more than four hours a day

34. When you hear things on the radio about black people, what would you say the people on the radio think about black people? (70)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very good | <input type="checkbox"/> bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> very bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

35. How often do you go to the movies? (71)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> about once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> once every two to three months |
| <input type="checkbox"/> once every two weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> almost never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> once a month | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> once every two to three months | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> almost never | |

36. When you see things in the movies about black people, how do you think the movies show black people as being? (72)

<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> bad
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> very bad
<input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad	<input type="checkbox"/> don't know

37. When you read things in the newspapers about white people, how do you think the newspapers show white people as being? (73)

<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> bad
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> very bad
<input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad	<input type="checkbox"/> don't know

38. When you read things in books about white people, how do you think the books show white people as being? (74)

<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> bad
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> very bad
<input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad	<input type="checkbox"/> don't know

39. When you read things in magazines about white people, how do you think the magazines show white people as being? (75)

<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> bad
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> very bad
<input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad	<input type="checkbox"/> don't know

40. When you hear things on the radio about white people, what would you say the people on the radio think about white people? (76)

<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> bad
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> very bad
<input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad	<input type="checkbox"/> don't know

41. When you see things in the movies about white people, how do you think the movies show white people as being? (77)

<input type="checkbox"/> very good	<input type="checkbox"/> bad
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> very bad
<input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad	<input type="checkbox"/> don't know

Each of us needs to know more about what we are like. The next few questions help us know more about you. Please be very truthful.

1. I feel that I am a person of worth, at least equal to others.

(78)

I feel this way:

most of the time

some of the time

a few times

none of the time

2. I feel that there are many good things about me.

(79)

I feel this way:

most of the time

some of the time

a few times

none of the time

3. I think there are many things that I do not do well.

(80)

I feel this way:

most of the time

some of the time

a few times

none of the time

4. I am able to do things as well as most people my age.

(1)

I feel this way:

most of the time

some of the time

a few times

none of the time

5. I wish I could like myself more.

(2)

I feel this way:

most of the time

some of the time

a few times

none of the time

1. How smart does your mother think you are? (3)
 very smart
 somewhat smart
 not very smart
 not smart at all
2. How smart does your father think you are? (4)
 very smart
 somewhat smart
 not very smart
 not smart at all
3. How smart does your teacher think you are? (5)
 not smart at all
 not very smart
 somewhat smart
 very smart
4. How smart do your friends think you are? (6)
 not smart at all
 not very smart at all
 somewhat smart
 very smart
5. How smart do you think you are? (7)
 very smart
 somewhat smart
 not very smart
 not smart at all
6. Does your father live at home? (8)
 yes
 no (if no, please go to question 10)

If your father and mother usually work, but are not working now, please answer the questions about the work they did before.

7. Where does your father work? _____ (9)
8. What is the name or title of his job? _____ (10)
9. Does he work full or part time? (11)
___ full time ___ part time
10. Does your mother have a job? (12)
___ yes
___ no (if no, please go to question 14)
11. Where does your mother work? _____ (13)
12. What is the name or title of her job? _____ (14)
13. Does she work full time or part time? (15)
___ full time ___ part time
14. How far did your father go in school? (16)
___ only elementary school
___ less than high school
___ graduated from high school
___ some college
___ graduated from college
___ don't know
15. How far did your mother go in school? (17)
___ only elementary school
___ less than high school
___ graduated from high school
___ some college
___ graduated from college
___ don't know

Just a few more questions. . .

1. Are you a boy or a girl? (18)
___boy ___girl

2. How old are you? _____ (19)

3. What grade are you in? _____ (20)

4. What is the name of your teacher? _____

5. What is the name of your school? _____ (21)

6. Are you:

___Black (22)

___White

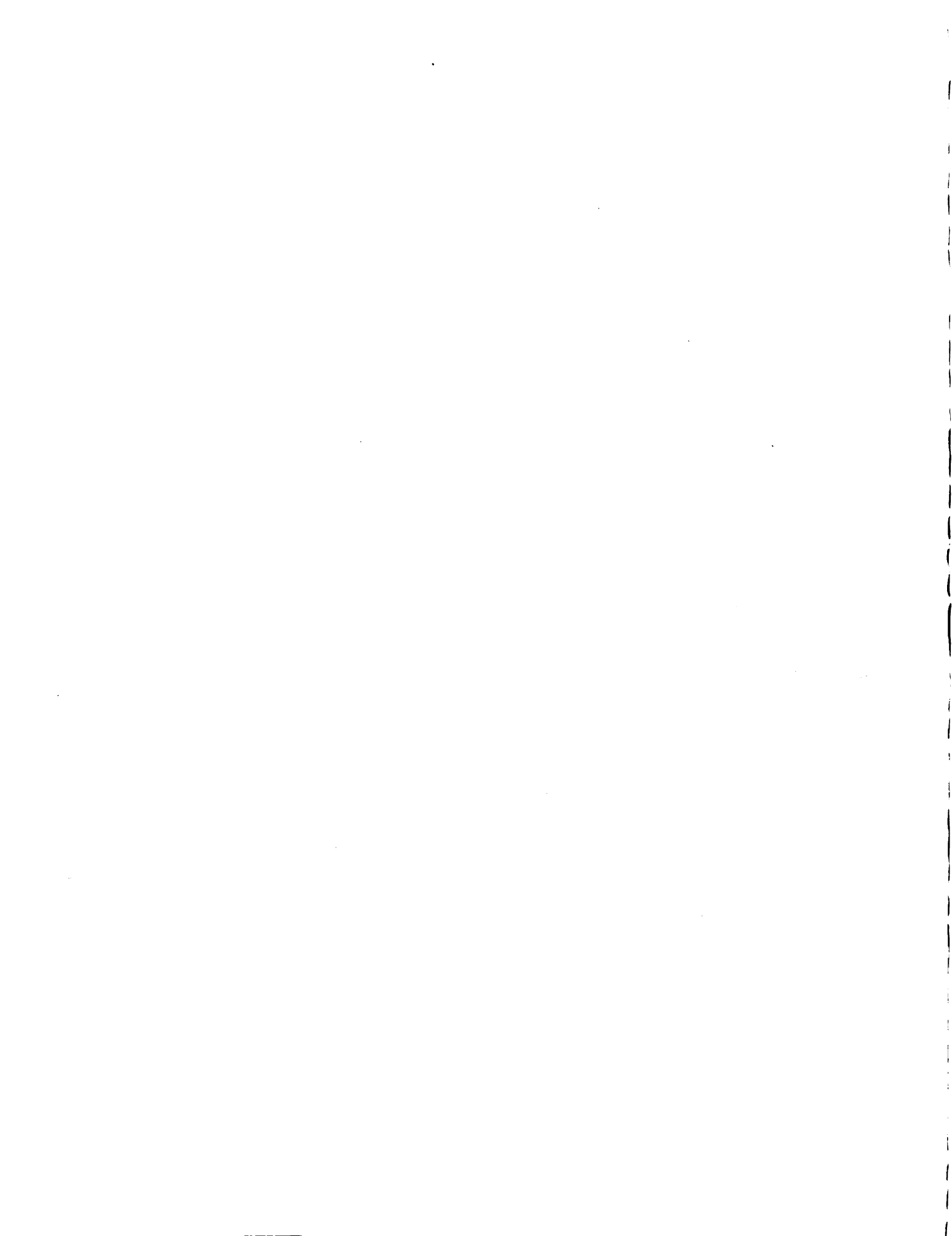
___Oriental

___Chicano

___American Indian (Native American Indian)

___Other (please tell us what) _____

Thank you very much.



INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS
AND
INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS

March 18-19, 1975

You will be in the classroom with at least one other person as interviewer(s). Classroom size will range from 22 to 64 pupils.

An introduction which one of you will read to the pupils is attached. Read it exactly as written. Also read it loudly, slowly, and clearly. After the introduction has been read, one of you will pass out the booklets.

At the end of 30 minutes, briefly remind the pupils that they are to raise their hands when they have finished.

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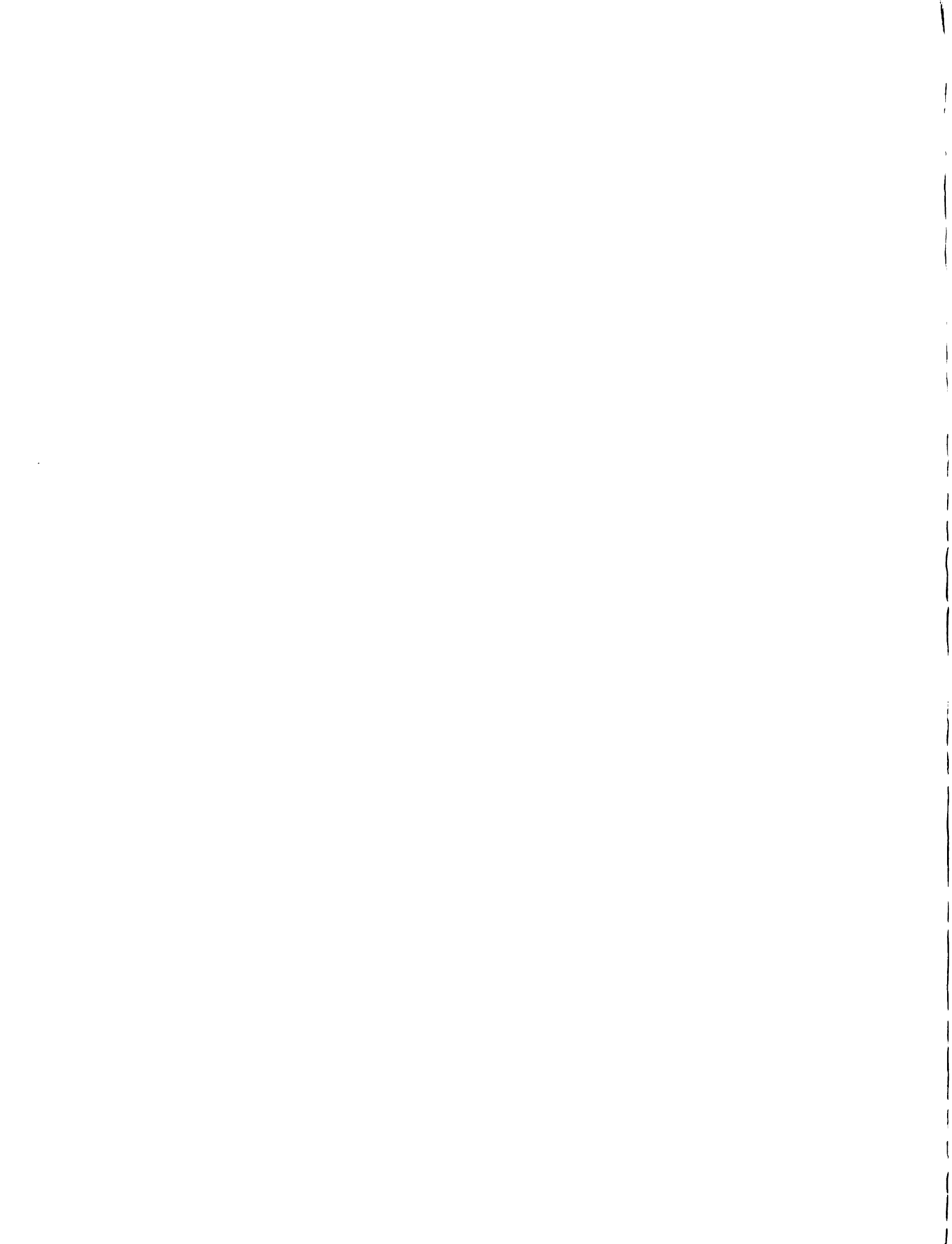
As each pupil finishes, immediately check each booklet individually and carefully, to see that all questions, as applicable, are answered. This is extremely important. If there are unanswered questions that should be answered, this will foul up data analysis and interpretation.

In checking and collecting each booklet, you must do this as rapidly and as efficiently as possible, so that each booklet is checked in a minimum amount of time. This will avoid long delays in getting around to each pupil. It will also avoid consuming more class time than necessary.

If you are asked by one of the pupils, how long the test will take, just reply: "Not very long," or "a short time." The test should take 50 minutes or less.

When you have all the booklets checked and collected, thank the children, and leave the classroom as quickly as possible. Do not dawdle. We must be in and out of the classroom in less than an hour.

Please read over these instructions carefully so that you fully understand them.



INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE READ TO PUPILS. PLEASE READ THEM EXACTLY AS WRITTEN. READ THEM LOUDLY, SLOWLY, AND CLEARLY.

Hi. My name is _____. And this is (introduce other or others). We would like to know how boys and girls like you feel about television and some other things. So we would like to ask your help in answering a few questions for us. The questions that we have are in these booklets (hold up booklet). We will pass these out in just a minute.

In the booklet, you will mark or write the answer that best tells how you feel about these things. Do not say the answers out loud, just put them down in your booklet.

If you need any help, or have any questions while you are doing this, raise your hand and one of us will come and help you.

Take as much time as you need and answer the questions carefully. This is not a test, you will not be graded on this . . . so please answer as truthfully as you can. You do not need to put your name on this either, because everything you say will be private.

We just want to know how you feel about these things.

When you have finished going through the questions, raise your hand so we will know you are finished.

Are there any questions?

(Pass out booklets.)



FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE
"You and Television"



YOU

and

TELEVISION



1. Who is this person or what TV program is this person on?

(You may put down any name you know the person by, or the name of the program).

____ I don't know the name of the person or the program.

2. What is the race or color of this person?

____ Black ____ Oriental ____ I don't know
____ White ____ Chicano

3. How often do you watch this TV program?

____ once every week
____ once every two weeks
____ once a month
____ once every two to three months
____ never

4. When this person is on TV, he works at a factory, and has a family and neighbors. When this person is not on TV, does he work at that factory and have the same family and neighbors?

____ yes ____ no ____ I don't know

5. When this person is not on TV, how much do you think about him?

____ I think about this person a lot
____ I think about this person sometimes
____ I never think about this person

6. Think about this person for a minute, and think about what you have heard others say about the person.

Now, how true do you think those things are for people of this race or color who are not on TV?

_____ these things are true for most people of this race

_____ these things are true for some people of this race

_____ these things are true for a few people of this race

_____ these things are not true for any people of this race

7. How much do you like the person in the picture?

(put a check in the space for your answer)

_____ very
much

_____ some

_____ don't like
or dislike

_____ dislike
some

_____ don't like
at all

8. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

_____ yes

_____ no

_____ I don't know

9. Who usually watches this program with you?

_____ I don't watch this program (please go to question 15)

_____ I usually watch it by myself

(Check the spaces for all those people who usually watch this program with you)

10. _____ my mother usually watches it with me

11. _____ my father usually watches it with me

12. _____ my sister or sisters usually watch it with me

How many sisters usually watch with you? _____

13. _____ my brother or brothers usually watch with me

How many brothers usually watch with you? _____

14. _____ my friend or friends usually watch with me

How many friends usually watch with you? _____

(Please look at the picture as often as you need to, to answer the questions about the person)

15. Have you ever talked to anyone about the person in the picture?

 yes (if yes, please go on reading this page)

 no (if no, please go to page 4)

Please put down all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. Just put down whether the person is your mother, father, sister, brother, friend, teacher, or whoever the person is. Then next to each person, check how much you think they like the person in the picture. You may put down as many persons as you like.

For example, you may have talked to three friends about the person in the picture. Then you would put down friends three times.

<u>Person You Have Talked To</u>	<u>How Much Do They Like The Person in the Picture</u>				
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1. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
2. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
3. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
4. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
5. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>



16. Who is this person or what TV program is this person on?

(You may put down any name you know the person by, or the name of the program).

_____ I don't know the name of the person or the program.

17. What is the race or color of this person?

_____ Black _____ Oriental

_____ White _____ Chicano _____ I don't know

18. How often do you watch this TV program?

_____ once every week

_____ once every two weeks

_____ once a month

_____ once every two to three months

_____ never

19. When this person is on TV, she has a family and neighbors.

When this person is not on TV, does she have the same family and neighbors?

_____ yes _____ no _____ I don't know

20. When this person is not on TV, how much do you think about her?

_____ I think about this person a lot

_____ I think about this person sometimes

_____ I never think about this person

21. Think about this person for a minute, and think about what you have heard others say about the person.

Now, how true do you think those things are for people of this race or color who are not on TV?

_____ these things are true for most people of this race

_____ these things are true for some people of this race

_____ these things are true for a few people of this race

_____ these things are not true for any people of this race

22. How much do you like the person in the picture?

(put a check in the space for your answer)

very
much

some

don't like
or dislike

dislike
some

don't like
at all

23. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

_____yes _____no _____I don't know

24. Who usually watches this program with you?

_____I don't watch this program (please go to question 30).

_____I usually watch it by myself

(Check the spaces for all those people who usually watch this program with you)

25. _____my mother usually watches it with me

26. _____my father usually watches it with me

27. _____my sister or sisters usually watch it with me

How many sisters usually watch with you? _____

28. _____my brother or brothers usually watch with me

How many brothers usually watch with you? _____

29. _____my friend or friends usually watch with me

How many friends usually watch with you? _____

(Please look at the picture as often as you need to, to answer the questions about the person)

30. Have you ever talked to anyone about the person in the picture?

___yes (if yes, please go on reading this page)

___no (if no, please go to page 7.)

Please put down all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. Just put down whether the person is your mother, father, sister, brother, friend, teacher, or whoever the person is. Then next to each person, check how much you think they like the person in the picture. You may put down as many persons as you like.

For example, you may have talked to three friends about the person in the picture. Then you would put down friends three times.

Person You Have
Talked To

How Much Do They Like The Person in the Picture

1.	_____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
2.	_____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
3.	_____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
4.	_____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
5.	_____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>





31. Who is this person or what TV program is this person on?

(You may put down any name you know the person by, or the name of the program).

_____ I don't know the name of the person or the program.

32. What is the race or color of this person?

_____ Black _____ Oriental
_____ White _____ Chicano _____ I don't know

33. How often do you watch this TV program?

_____ once every week
_____ once every two weeks
_____ once a month
_____ once every two to three months
_____ never

34. When this person is on TV, she has a family and neighbors.

When this person is not on TV, does she have the same family and neighbors?

_____ yes _____ no _____ I don't know

35. When this person is not on TV, how much do you think about her?

_____ I think about this person a lot
_____ I think about this person sometimes
_____ I never think about this person

36. Think about this person for a minute, and think about what you have heard others say about the person.

Now, how true do you think those things are for people of this race or color who are not on TV?

_____ these things are true for most people of this race

_____ these things are true for some people of this race

_____ these things are true for a few people of this race

_____ these things are not true for any people of this race

37. How much do you like the person in the picture?
(put a check in the space for your answer)

_____ very
much

_____ some

_____ don't like
or dislike

_____ dislike
some

_____ don't like
at all

When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

_____ yes

_____ no

_____ I don't know

38. Who usually watches this program with you?

_____ I don't watch this program (please go to question 44).

_____ I usually watch it by myself

(Check the spaces for all those people who usually watch this program with you)

39. _____ my mother usually watches it with me

40. _____ my father usually watches it with me

41. _____ my sister or sisters usually watch it with me

How many sisters usually watch with you? _____

42. _____ my brother or brothers usually watch with me

How many brothers usually watch with you? _____

43. _____ my friend or friends usually watch with me

How many friends usually watch with you? _____

(Please look at the picture as often as you need to, to answer the questions about the person)

44. Have you ever talked to anyone about the person in the picture?

 yes (if yes, please go on reading this page)

 no (if no, please go to page 10)

Please put down all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. Just put down whether the person is your mother, father, sister, brother, friend, teacher, or whoever the person is. Then next to each person, check how much you think they like the person in the picture. You may put down as many persons as you like.

For example, you may have talked to three friends about the person in the picture. Then you would put down friends three times.

Person You Have
Talked To

How Much Do They Like The Person in the Picture

1.	_____	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>don't</u> like or dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all
2.	_____	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>don't</u> like or dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all
3.	_____	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>don't</u> like or dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all
4.	_____	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>don't</u> like or dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all
5.	_____	<u>very</u> much	<u>some</u>	<u>don't</u> like or dislike	<u>dislike</u> some	<u>don't</u> like at all





45. Who is this person or what TV program is this person on?

(You may put down any name you know the person by, or the name of the program).

____ I don't know the name of the person or the program.

46. What is the race or color of this person?

____ Black ____ Oriental ____ I don't know
____ White ____ Chicano

47. How often do you watch this TV program?

____ once every week
____ once every two weeks
____ once a month
____ once every two to three months
____ never

48. When this person is on TV, he owns a junkyard and has a son and neighbors. When this person is not on TV, does he own a junkyard and have the same son and the same neighbors?

____ yes ____ no ____ I don't know

49. When this person is not on TV, how much do you think about him?

____ I think about this person a lot
____ I think about this person sometimes
____ I never think about this person

50. Think about this person for a minute, and think about what you have heard others say about the person.

Now, how true do you think those things are for people of this race or color who are not on TV?

_____ these things are true for most people of this race

_____ these things are true for some people of this race

_____ these things are true for a few people of this race

_____ these things are not true for any people of this race

51. How much do you like the person in the picture?
(put a check in the space for your answer)

_____ very
much

_____ some

_____ don't like
or dislike

_____ dislike
some

_____ don't like
at all

52. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

_____ yes _____ no _____ I don't know

53. Who usually watches this program with you?

_____ I don't watch this program (please go to question 59)

_____ I usually watch it by myself

(Check the spaces for all those people who usually watch this program with you)

54. _____ my mother usually watches it with me

55. _____ my father usually watches it with me

56. _____ my sister or sisters usually watch it with me

How many sisters usually watch with you? _____

57. _____ my brother or brothers usually watch with me

How many brothers usually watch with you? _____

58. _____ my friend or friends usually watch with me

How many friends usually watch with you? _____

(Please look at the picture as often as you need to, to answer the questions about the person)

59. Have you ever talked to anyone about the person in the picture?

 yes (if yes, please go on reading this page)

 no (if no, please go to page 13)

Please put down all the people you can think of who you have ever talked to about the person in the picture. Just put down whether the person is your mother, father, sister, brother, friend, teacher, or whoever the person is. Then next to each person, check how much you think they like the person in the picture. You may put down as many persons as you like.

For example, you may have talked to three friends about the person in the picture. Then you would put down friends three times.

Person You Have Talked To	<u>How Much Do They Like The Person in the Picture</u>				
1. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
2. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
3. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
4. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>
5. _____	<u>very much</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>don't like or dislike</u>	<u>dislike some</u>	<u>don't like at all</u>

60. When you see black people on programs like Good Times, they have families and neighbors on the program. When these people are not on TV, do they have the same families and neighbors?

_____yes _____no _____I don't know

61. When you see white people on programs like All in The Family, they have families and neighbors on the program. When these people are not on TV, do they have the same families and neighbors?

_____yes _____no _____I don't know

62. When you get home from school, about how many TV programs do you watch before going to bed? (Circle your answer)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

63. When you see black people on programs like Good Times and other programs with black families, are the people just playing a part or pretending?

_____yes _____no _____I don't know

64. When you see white people on programs like All in The Family and other programs with white families, are the people just playing a part or pretending?

_____yes _____no _____I don't know

65. How many black people would you say you know well?

I don't know any black people well _____

I know _____black people well (Please put in the number)

66. How many white people would you say you know well?

I don't know any white people well _____

I know _____white people well (Please put in the number)

67. How often do you read books?

- less than once a week
- about once a week
- two to three times a week
- four to five times a week
- everyday

68. When you read things in books about black people, how do you do you think the books show black people as being?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very good | <input type="checkbox"/> bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> very bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know |

69. When you read things in books about white people, how do you do you think the books show white people as being?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> very good | <input type="checkbox"/> bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> very bad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not good or bad | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know |

70. How often do you listen to the radio?

- less than one hour a day
- one to two hours a day
- two to three hours a day
- three to four hours a day
- more than four hours a day

71. When you hear things on the radio about black people, what would you say the people on the radio think about black people?

- they think black people are very good
- they think black people are good
- they think black people are neither good nor bad
- they think black people are bad
- they think black people are very bad

72. When you hear things on the radio about white people, what would you say the people on the radio think about white people?

they think white people are very good

they think white people are good

they think white people are neither good nor bad

they think white people are bad

they think white people are very bad

I don't know

Each of us needs to know more about what we are like. The next few questions will help us know more about you. Please be very truthful.

73. I feel that there are many good things about me.

I feel this way:

most of the time

some of the time

a few times

none of the time

74. How much do you like yourself?

very much

somewhat

not very much

not at all

75. How smart do your mother and your father think you are?

very smart

somewhat smart

not very smart

not smart at all

76. How smart does your teacher think you are?

- very smart
- somewhat smart
- not very smart
- not smart at all

77. How smart do your friends think you are?

- very smart
- somewhat smart
- not very smart
- not smart at all

78. How smart do you think you are?

- very smart
- somewhat smart
- not very smart
- not smart at all

79. Does your father live at home?

- yes
- no (if no, please go to question 81)

If your father usually works, but is not working now, please answer the question for the work he did before.

80. What kind of work does your father do? _____

81. Does your mother live at home?

- yes
- no (if no, please go to question 84)

82. Does your mother have a job?

- yes
- no (if no, please go to question 84)

If your mother usually works, but is not working now, please answer the question for the work she did before.

83. What kind of work does your mother do? _____

Just a few more questions . . .

84. Are you a boy or a girl?

___ boy ___ girl

85. How old are you? _____

86. What grade are you in?

___ 3rd ___ 5th

87. What is the name of your school? _____

88. Are you:

___ Black

___ White

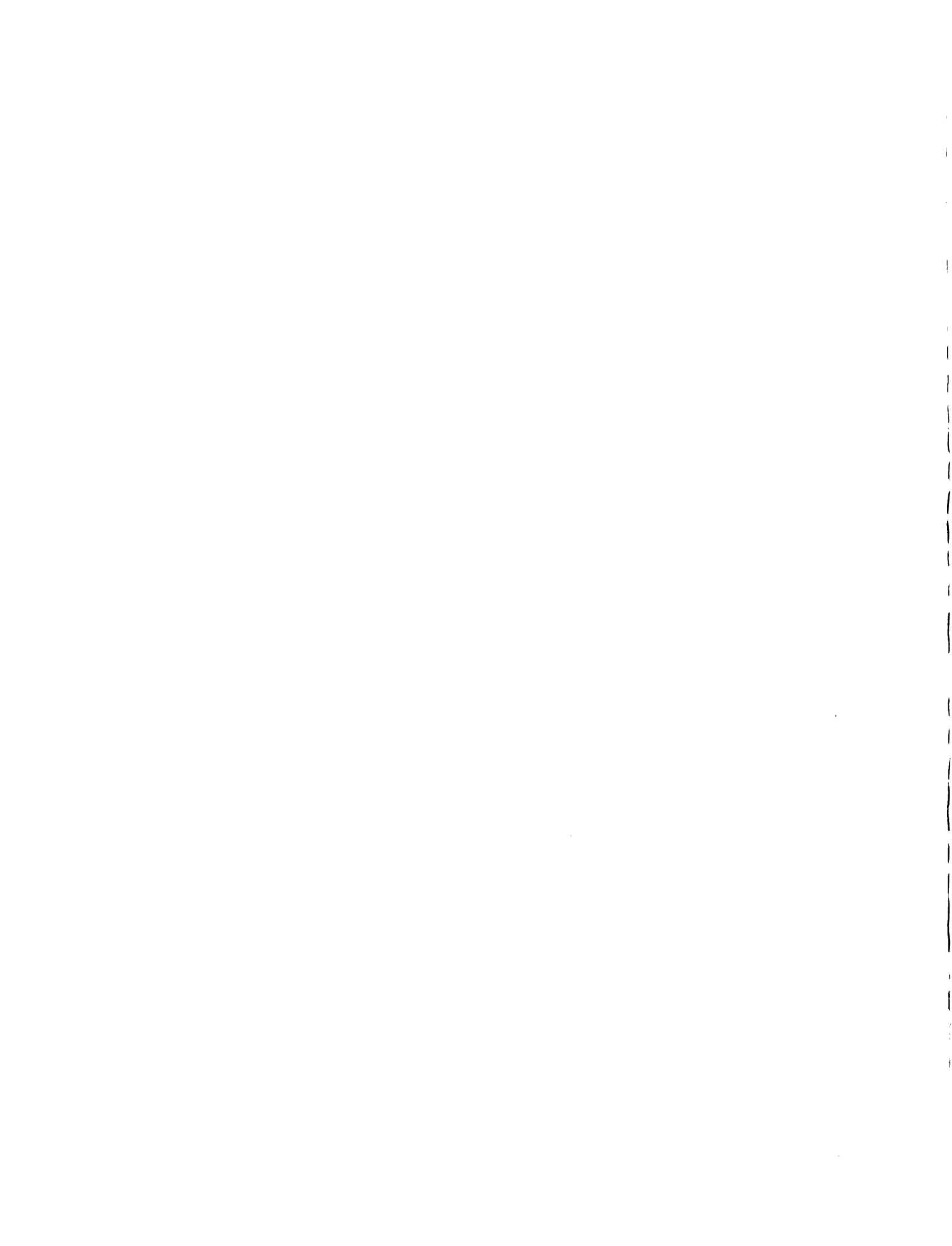
___ Oriental

___ Chicano

___ American Indian (Native American Indian)

___ Other (please tell us what) _____

Thank you very much.



1. How much do you like black people?

___ very much

___ somewhat

___ don't like or dislike

___ dislike somewhat

___ don't like at all

2. How different do you think black people and white people are in the way they think and act?

___ very different

___ not very different

___ not different at all

3. How much do you like white people?

___ very much

___ somewhat

___ don't like or dislike

___ dislike somewhat

___ don't like at all

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APPENDIX B

**MEANS, STANDARD DEVIATIONS, CORRELATION MATRICES
FOR INDICES AND SINGLE MEASURES**

INTERCORRELATIONS FOR MEDIA PERCEPTION INDEX

**INTERCORRELATIONS FOR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS' ATTITUDES
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ENTIRE SAMPLE AND EACH SUBSAMPLE**

MAZINGO

06/18/75

FILE NONAME (CREATION DATE = 06/18/75)

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

VARIABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEV	CASES	Means and Standard Deviations Across All Variables for the Entire Sample (N = 241)
KNWHTVP	9.3558	1.6675	241	
KNWBTVP	9.5052	1.2286	241	
FPEEXPH	7.3610	3.1008	241	
FPEOEXPB	8.4025	2.1232	241	
MEDIAPRW	14.3942	2.8163	241	
MEDIAPRB	14.5187	3.1782	241	
SELFINTW	3.4232	1.1598	241	
SELFINTB	4.4066	1.2750	241	
GENPEALW	4.9502	1.6297	241	
GENPEALB	5.5645	1.8156	241	
ATTTPWH	7.4191	2.3570	241	
ATTTPWB	9.1243	1.2379	241	
SIGOTVW	15.0249	16.9514	241	
SIGOTVB	19.2433	19.5343	241	
KN7LKWL	16.7303	24.9243	241	
KNWHTWL	26.7427	29.1576	241	
OTMEDIAW	9.0332	3.0961	241	
OTMEDIAB	9.0156	2.7808	241	
SELFSCP	6.5353	1.5625	241	
SIGOTHMA	9.8312	2.3172	241	
YOUSMART	3.2656	.9974	241	
SES	63.0643	11.1177	241	
SEX	1.4938	.5010	241	
AGE	9.5726	1.1985	241	
GRADE	1.5021	.5487	241	
SCHOOL	1.8714	.7159	241	
ATTBLACK	3.9461	1.3233	241	
DIFFRENT	1.5311	.7072	241	
ATTWHITE	3.9461	1.2379	241	

MAZINGO

06/18/75

FILE NONAME (CREATION DATE = 06/18/75)

M U L T I P L E R E G R E S S I O N

Means and Standard Deviations Across All Variables for All White Respondents (N = 142)

VARIABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEV	CASES
KNOWHTVP	9.3451	1.6576	142
KNOWBTPV	9.40R5	1.2936	142
FPEDEXPH	7.2394	3.1778	142
FPEOEXPH	8.2958	2.1464	142
MEDIAPPH	14.9437	2.4919	142
MEDIAPPB	14.8592	2.9943	142
SELFINTW	3.4799	1.0997	142
SELFINTA	4.0493	1.2566	142
GENPEALW	4.8803	1.6089	142
GENPEALB	5.2817	1.6302	142
ATTTVPW	7.7465	2.1945	142
ATTTVPA	8.9014	1.4258	142
SIGOTVW	14.4155	16.4348	142
SIGOTVA	15.2642	16.1998	142
KNMUKWL	8.4095	11.6206	142
KNMHTWL	32.5634	29.2304	142
OTMFOJAM	9.1901	2.5846	142
OTMFOIAB	8.9225	2.8709	142
SELFPCPT	6.5915	1.4299	142
SIGOTHMA	9.9930	2.2105	142
YOUSMART	3.2394	.8746	142
SES	63.2144	0.5723	142
SEX	1.4577	.5000	142
AGE	9.5915	1.1357	142
GRADE	1.5141	.5579	142
ATBLACK	3.5996	1.3372	142
DIFFRENT	1.6408	.7375	142
ATWHITE	4.4930	.8143	142

07/03/75

HAZINGO

FILE NONAME (CREATION DATE = 07/03/75)

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Means and Standard Deviations Across All
Variables for White Respondents in the
Integrated Schools (N = 94)

VARIABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEV	CASES
KNOWHTVP	9.3895	1.7215	94
KNOWBTVP	9.5158	1.2192	94
FREQEXPW	6.9158	3.2671	94
FREQEXPB	8.1474	2.3609	94
MEDIAPRW	14.5579	2.5210	94
MEDIAPRB	14.2421	3.0237	94
SELFINTW	3.4105	1.1439	94
SELFINTB	4.0947	1.2806	94
JENREALW	4.8000	1.5952	94
JENREALB	5.3684	1.6888	94
ATTTVPW	7.5053	2.2355	94
ATTTVPB	8.8842	1.4794	94
SIGOTVW	13.3158	17.0439	94
SIGOTVB	14.8211	16.9360	94
KNBLKWL	9.1158	8.2267	94
KNWHTWL	27.6737	26.2096	94
BTMEDIAM	6.8421	2.6550	94
BTMEDIAB	6.1579	2.5654	94
SELFCTP	6.5053	1.4938	94
SIGOTHMA	9.8632	2.2342	94
YOUSMART	3.2737	.9044	94
SES	60.1053	6.4733	94
SEX	1.4632	.5013	94
AGE	9.5895	1.1714	94
GRADE	1.5158	.5990	94
SCHOOL	1.6000	.4925	94
ATIBLACK	3.2526	1.3206	94
DIFFRENT	1.4211	.6207	94
ATTWHITE	4.4211	.7933	94

06/18/75

AZINGO

FILE NONAME (CREATION DATE = 06/18/75)

M U L T I P L E R E G R E S S I O N

Means and Standard Deviations Across All Variables for White Respondents in the Nonintegrated School (N = 48)

VARIABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEV	CASES
YOHHTVP	9.2708	1.5539	48
YOHBTVP	9.1250	1.4532	48
PEOEXPH	7.8125	2.9366	48
PEOEXPB	8.6042	1.5944	48
EDTAPRH	15.5625	2.5003	48
EDTAPRB	15.9732	2.3016	48
FLFINTH	3.6042	.9518	48
ELFINTB	3.9375	1.2100	48
FNPEALH	5.6417	1.6237	48
FNPEALB	5.0833	1.4394	48
TTTVPH	8.2292	1.9919	48
TTTVPB	8.9375	1.3113	48
IGOTVH	16.2917	15.0397	48
IGOTVB	15.8125	14.6311	48
BLKML	6.8333	16.3520	48
WNTHL	41.9792	32.4531	48
EMEDIAH	8.1667	1.9167	48
EMEDIAB	8.2917	2.7441	48
ELFCPT	6.6657	1.4489	48
IGOTHMA	10.2083	2.1531	48
DUSMART	3.1458	.8249	48
SES	69.3125	8.9041	48
SEX	1.4375	.5113	48
SE	9.5625	1.1468	48
GRADE	1.5000	.5053	48
TTBLACK	4.3125	1.0750	48
IFFRENT	2.0833	.7390	48
TTWHITE	4.6458	.8377	48

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FILE NONAME (CREATION DATE = 06/18/75)

M U L T I P L E R E S R E S S I O N

VARIABLE	MEAN	STANDARD DEV	CASES	Means and Standard Deviations Across All Variables for Black Respondents (N = 48)
KNOWHTVP	9.5000	1.5405	68	
KNOWBTVP	9.7500	1.1113	68	
FREOEXPH	7.9971	2.7597	68	
FREOEXPB	8.7206	1.9071	68	
MEDIAPRW	13.8099	3.1446	68	
MEDIAPRB	14.5000	3.5765	68	
SELFINTM	3.4412	1.2741	68	
SELFINTB	5.2500	.9522	68	
GENPEALW	5.1176	1.7150	68	
GENPEALB	5.1471	1.9970	68	
ATTTPVH	7.0000	2.5374	68	
ATTTPVB	9.7500	.6775	68	
SIGOTVH	19.1471	18.2358	68	
SIGOTVB	30.1324	20.0518	68	
KN9LKWL	34.7206	34.4543	68	
KNWHTL	15.7647	23.8172	68	
OTMEDIAM	8.4706	3.5344	68	
OTMEDIAB	9.1618	2.6588	68	
SELFPCPT	6.4559	1.7401	68	
SIGOTHMA	9.7059	2.6489	68	
YOUSMART	3.3824	.9147	68	
SFS	58.8676	7.4009	68	
SEX	1.5000	.5037	68	
AGE	9.4255	1.1885	68	
GRADE	1.4255	.5273	68	
SCHOOL	1.6765	.5020	68	
ATTBLACK	4.8676	.3926	68	
OIFFRENT	1.3529	.5425	68	
ATTWHITE	3.1324	1.4445	68	

ZERO-ORDER CORRELATION MATRICES FOR WEIGHTED

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Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for All Sample Respondents (N = 241): Black and White Portrayals

Black Portrayals

ATTBLACK (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVPB1 (X ₂)
		SELFCPT1 (X ₃)
		OTMEDIA1 (X ₉)
ATTTVPB (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP1 (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SES1 (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMA2 (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA1 (X ₁₂)
KNOWBTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXP1 (X ₁₃)
SELFINTB (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR1 (X ₄)
		KNOWBTV1 (X ₅)
		FREQEXP2 (X ₁₃)
		KNBLKWL1 (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRB (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR2 (X ₄)
		SELFINT1 (X ₆)
		KNBLKWL2 (X ₁₄)
GENREALB (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR1 (X ₇)
		KNBLKWL3 (X ₁₄)

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for All Sample
Respondents (N = 241): Black and White Portrayals

White Portrayals

ATTWHITE (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVPW1 (X ₂)
		SELFCPT2 (X ₃)
		OTMEDIA2 (X ₉)
ATTTVPW (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP2 (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SES1 (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMA2 (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA1 (X ₁₂)
KNOWHTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXP3 (X ₁₃)
SELFINTW (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR3 (X ₄)
		KNOWHTV1 (X ₅)
		FREQEXP4 (X ₁₃)
		KNWHTWL1 (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRW (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR4 (X ₄)
		SELFINT2 (X ₆)
		KNWHTWL2 (X ₁₄)
GENREALW (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR2 (X ₇)
		KNWHTWL3 (X ₁₄)

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CORRELATION MATRIX FOR ALL SAMPLE RESPONDENTS (N = 241)

Table with columns: FILE, NONAME, (CREATION DATE = 07/03/75) 241, and 12 correlation coefficients. Rows include SELFCDPT2, OTHEDIAZ, KNBLKWL3, YOUSMART, SIOGTHAI, SELFCDPT, FREQEXP2, SFGTHAZ, SFS1, ATTVP8, SIOGTHV1, ATTBLACK, ATTVP81, SELFCDPT1, GTHEDIAZ, KNBLKWL3, YOUSMART, SIOGTHAI, FREQEXP2, SELFCDPT, FREQEXP3, SFGTHAZ, SIOGTHV1, ATTVP8, SIOGTHV2, ATTVP81, SELFCDPT2, OTHEDIAZ, KNBLKWL3, YOUSMART, SIOGTHAI, FREQEXP2, SELFCDPT, FREQEXP3, SFGTHAZ, SIOGTHV1, ATTVP8, SIOGTHV2, ATTVP81, SELFCDPT2, OTHEDIAZ.

Table with columns: FILE, NONAME, (CREATION DATE = 07/03/75) 241, and 12 correlation coefficients. Rows include KNBLKWL3, YOUSMART, SIOGTHAI, SELFCDPT, FREQEXP2, SFGTHAZ, SFS1, ATTVP8, SIOGTHV1, ATTBLACK, ATTVP81, SELFCDPT1, GTHEDIAZ, KNBLKWL3, YOUSMART, SIOGTHAI, FREQEXP2, SELFCDPT, FREQEXP3, SFGTHAZ, SIOGTHV1, ATTVP8, SIOGTHV2, ATTVP81, SELFCDPT2, OTHEDIAZ, KNBLKWL3, YOUSMART, SIOGTHAI, FREQEXP2, SELFCDPT, FREQEXP3, SFGTHAZ, SIOGTHV1, ATTVP8, SIOGTHV2, ATTVP81, SELFCDPT2, OTHEDIAZ.

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for All White Sample Respondents (N = 142): Black and White Portrayals

Black Portrayals

ATTBLACK (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVPB3 (X ₂)
		SELFCPT5 (X ₃)
		OTMEDIA5 (X ₉)
ATTTVPB (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP5 (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SES3 (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMA6 (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA5 (X ₁₂)
KNOWBTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXP9 (X ₁₃)
SELFINTB (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR9 (X ₄)
		KNOWBTVP3 (X ₅)
		FREQEXPC (X ₁₃)
		KNBLKWL7 (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRB (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMARA (X ₄)
		SELFINT5 (X ₆)
		KNBLKWL8 (X ₁₄)
GENREALB (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR5 (X ₇)
		KNBLKWL9 (X ₁₄)

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for All White Sample
Respondents (N = 142): Black and White Portrayals

White Portrayals

ATTWHITE (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVPW3 (X ₂)
		SELFCPT6 (X ₃)
		OTMEDIA6 (X ₉)
ATTTVPW (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP6 (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SES3 (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMA6 (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA5 (X ₁₂)
KNOWHTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXPD (X ₁₃)
SELFINTW (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMARB (X ₄)
		KNOWHTV3 (X ₅)
		FREQEXPE (X ₁₃)
		KNWHTWLA (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRW (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMARC (X ₄)
		SELFINT6 (X ₆)
		KNWHTWLB (X ₁₄)
GENREALW (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR6 (X ₇)
		KNWHTWLC (X ₁₄)

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	KNMHTLR	YOUSMARC	KNMHTLC	YOUSMARC	KNMHTLR	YOUSMARC	KNMHTLC	YOUSMARC
KNMHTLR	.13674	.09027	-.17417	-.09247	-.07263	.15234	-1.00000	-.01280
YOUSMARC	.12913	.02075	-.04780	.01279	-.04904	-.05060	1.00000	.01923
KNMHTLC	-.01920	-.06904	.2159	.10979	.11130	-.07233	.00218	-.06517
YOUSMARC	.23032	.06932	.03151	-.03777	-.06052	-.02393	.14198	-.03403
KNMHTLR	-.13674	.09027	-.17417	-.09247	-.07263	.15234	-1.00000	-.01280
YOUSMARC	.12913	.02075	-.04780	.01279	-.04904	-.05060	1.00000	.01923
KNMHTLC	-.01920	-.06904	.2159	.10979	.11130	-.07233	.00218	-.06517
YOUSMARC	.23032	.06932	.03151	-.03777	-.06052	-.02393	.14198	-.03403
KNMHTLR	.04455	.06894	.11490	.57469	-.41127	.23194	-.03446	.17300
YOUSMARC	.00574	.10495	.11939	.42433	.41650	-.07405	-.11883	.06930
KNMHTLC	.15248	-.06368	-.15738	.07576	.03506	.05275	.10884	.18444
YOUSMARC	.12409	.03111	-.09413	.40309	.03452	.11923	-.10279	-.06311
KNMHTLR	.06025	.09165	.03958	.11642	.21749	-.03236	.01053	.21740
YOUSMARC	-.03454	.02011	-.03473	.11749	.04781	.08488	.00581	.05787
KNMHTLC	.00666	.17851	-.01280	-.01280	.00666	.17851	-.01280	.00666
YOUSMARC	-.01280	.00666	1.00000	1.00000	-.01280	.00666	1.00000	-.01280
KNMHTLC	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403
YOUSMARC	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403	-.03403
KNMHTLR	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930
YOUSMARC	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930
KNMHTLC	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930
YOUSMARC	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930	.06930
KNMHTLR	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205
YOUSMARC	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205
KNMHTLC	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205
YOUSMARC	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205	.08205
KNMHTLR	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562
YOUSMARC	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562
KNMHTLC	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562
YOUSMARC	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562	.23562
KNMHTLR	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581
YOUSMARC	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581
KNMHTLC	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581
YOUSMARC	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581	.06581

	MEDIAPR6	KNMHTMLC	YOUSMARC	KNMHTMLA	YOUSMARC	MEDIAPR6	KNMHTMLC	YOUSMARC
MEDIAPR6	.12713	-.14138	.03646	.45524	.05338	.16525	.07308	.13681
KNMHTMLC	-.00219	.05775	.03646	.45524	.05338	.16525	.07308	.13681
YOUSMARC	.11659	-.05274	.07405	.11860	.37299	.16525	.07308	.13681
KNMHTMLC	.12037	.16789	-.10084	.78132	.37299	.16525	.07308	.13681
YOUSMARC	.14281	.05102	.10279	.78132	.37299	.16525	.07308	.13681
KNMHTMLC	.14054	-.01159	-.01053	-.03222	-.05222	.16525	.07308	.13681
YOUSMARC	.13403	-.01159	-.01053	-.03222	-.05222	.16525	.07308	.13681
KNMHTMLC	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
YOUSMARC	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
KNMHTMLC	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
YOUSMARC	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681

	GENREALM	MEDIAPR6	KNMHTMLC	ATTNTPM	SIGOTVP6	ATTNMTYE	ATTNTPM3	SELFCTP6
GENREALM	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
MEDIAPR6	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
KNMHTMLC	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
ATTNTPM	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
SIGOTVP6	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
ATTNMTYE	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
ATTNTPM3	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681
SELFCTP6	.08707	-.15088	-.00581	.00931	.03360	.13936	.01013	.13681

OTMEDIAS KNOWHTVP FREOEXPO SELFINTM FREEXPE KNOWHTV3 KNWHTMLA YOUSMARC MEDIAPR6 SELFINT6 KNWHTMLC YOUSMARC

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for All
White Respondents in the Integrated Schools (N = 94):
Black and White Portrayals

Black Portrayals

ATTBLACK (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVBP (X ₂)
		SELFCPCT (X ₃)
		OTMEDIAB (X ₉)
ATTTVPB (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVBP (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SESW (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMLB (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMAB (X ₁₂)
KNOWBTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXBP (X ₁₃)
SELFINTB (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMRTB (X ₄)
		KNOWBTPV (X ₅)
		FREQXPB (X ₁₃)
		KNBLKWLB (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRB (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMTRB (X ₄)
		SELFINTB (X ₆)
		KNBKWL (X ₁₄)
GENREALB (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPBR (X ₇)
		KNBKWLB (X ₁₄)

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for All
White Respondents in the Integrated Schools (N = 94):
Black and White Portrayals

White Portrayals

ATTWHITE (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVWP (X ₂)
		SELFCPTW (X ₃)
		OTHMDIAW (X ₉)
ATTTVPW (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVPW (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SESW (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMLB (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMAB (X ₁₂)
KNOWHTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQXWP (X ₁₃)
SELFINTW (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMRTW (X ₄)
		KNOWHTPV (X ₅)
		FREQXWP (X ₁₃)
		KNWHTLW (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRW (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMRWT (X ₄)
		SELFWINT (X ₆)
		KNWTWL (X ₁₄)
GENREALW (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPWR (X ₇)
		KNWTWLA (X ₁₄)

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FILE NO NAME (CREATION DATE = 07/02/75) CORRELATION MATRIX FOR ALL WHITE RESPONDENTS IN THE INTEGRATED SCHOOLS (N = 94)

FILE NO	NAME	(CREATION DATE = 07/02/75)	FREQEXPB	FREQEXPM	FREQEXTP	MEDIAPRM	MEDIAPRB	SELFINTM	SELFINTB	GENREALM	GENREALB	ATTTPVH	ATTTPVB	AGE
00597	YOUSHRB	-0.04255	-0.09293	-0.05397	-0.00702	-0.08673	-0.08673	.12676	.26213	-0.05014	.14920	-0.00491	.17501	
14251	KNBKHL	14778	-0.0913	0.9387	17895	.24306	.24306	.07290	.02015	-0.10380	-1.3787	.08934	-1.2873	
00597	YOUSMTRB	04255	0.9293	0.5397	0702	.08673	.08673	.12676	.26213	.05014	-14920	.08491	-1.7501	
-02611	SELFINTB	02065	-0.0347	-0.10347	-0.10347	.25290	.25290	-.29625	-.78060	-1.5800	-2.5722	-0.8631	-3.9557	
-14251	KNBKHLB	-14778	0.0913	0.9387	17895	-.24306	-.24306	-.07290	-.02015	.10380	1.3787	-.08934	-1.2873	
-19154	MEDIAPRB	-12159	-1.5354	-1.9266	-1.54642	-.68060	-.68060	.07624	.17527	.23902	4.3074	.01509	.05851	
-03043	SIGOTMAB	11170	-0.9730	-0.1444	-0.1103	-.06913	-.06913	.14966	.02946	.06392	1.8202	.12174	.07614	
-00252	SIGOTMLB	05288	0.0048	0.5872	.02647	-.05296	-.05296	.17590	.03931	.00404	.01241	.11890	.04100	
05712	SESM	00654	-0.3274	0.3197	00419	-.06010	-.06010	-.01329	.12884	-.00833	.00015	-.12122	.04087	
06583	SIGOTVBP	03224	2.2264	2.0508	11566	4.2858	4.2858	.07942	.07942	.00910	.48020	.24473	.48020	
-1A195	ATTVGP	-06126	0.5994	0.0124	-20151	-.26364	-.26364	.05319	.00310	.06507	.00516	.08026	-.03877	
19095	SELFPCPT	27194	18454	0.9293	15200	.15123	.15123	.13586	.04460	.23308	.08838	-.03839	.01325	
06661	FREQEXMP	06378	.28186	.22165	.03587	-.08303	-.08303	.13024	.16266	.03156	-.00860	-.04821	.05974	
06661	KNOMHTPV	-39950	0.8426	0.5132	-0.1896	-.16533	-.16533	.11928	.17588	.02967	-.08514	.21029	.15286	
07A48	FREQXMP	-0.3142	9.9999	2.0489	18410	.02734	.02734	.39927	.04436	.17238	.11206	.37087	-0.1559	
-06364	KNMHTLM	11619	14046	0.9879	-0.3321	-.04705	-.04705	.17788	.05042	-.08112	-.03856	.02929	-0.6404	
00597	YOUSMPTM	-04255	-0.9293	-0.5397	-0.0702	-.08673	-.08673	.12676	.26213	-.05014	14920	-.08491	-1.7501	
06368	KNMHTL	-11619	-14046	-0.9879	0.3321	.04705	.04705	-.17788	-.05042	.08112	.03856	-.02929	.06404	
-03597	YOUSMRT	04255	0.9293	0.5397	00702	.08673	.08673	-.12676	-.26213	.05014	-14920	.08491	-1.7501	
-02530	SELFINT	21175	10410	0.5763	13295	.06777	.06777	.17788	.05042	-.08112	-.03856	.02929	-0.6404	
06364	KNMHTLA	11619	-14046	-0.9879	0.3321	.04705	.04705	-.17788	-.05042	.08112	.03856	-.02929	.06404	
07189	MEDIAPR	06648	-0.5497	-1.083	-4.3912	-.36611	-.36611	-.0254	.12823	.18588	-.23742	-.01246	.02142	
08474	SIGOTVPM	-06304	39130	16417	-0.4193	-.07253	-.07253	.38889	.25314	.21495	-.02242	.64396	.24283	
-05786	ATTVMP	-01340	31614	10924	-0.9429	0.3076	0.3076	.45126	-.00702	.15248	-.08464	.86458	.15158	
19495	SELFPCPTM	24295	17320	0.3957	14745	.14177	.14177	.13800	.06240	.23349	.10448	-.02501	.01741	
-01067	OTHMOIAM	-13786	0.3116	.11545	-.03894	-.11401	-.11401	.21638	.03072	-.06705	-.01546	.04203	.01899	
73577	SIGOTVB	23143												
06188	KNBKHL	08718												
-0308C	KNMHTLM	06514												
09139	OTMEDIAM	28620	.61992	.00369	.50682									
1431A	OTMEDIAB	22739	.22739	.11236										
04143	SELFPCPT	-02709	0.5146	11014	24028	.02647	.02647	.27594	.22933	-.24756	.06514	.03738	.83563	
-10473	SIGOTYMA	-08359	0.6512	0.321	-0.398	.03045	.03045	-.24304	-.08285	.02288	.01488	.01002	-0.1186	
05191	YOUSMART	05254	-0.6436	-1.0753	-0.9700	.02802	.02802	-.05452	.18067	-.17415	.02685	.06895	-0.15230	
-09702	SES	-05130	.08307	.13160	.11951	.33787	.33787	-.05452	.18067	-.17415	.02685	.06895	-0.15230	
-07956	SEX	-05279	-1.2407	-0.5934	-3.08443	-.08203	-.08203	.03933	.18067	-.17415	.02685	.06895	-0.15230	
07103	AGE	03379	0.7895	0.4218	-0.4843	-.08682	-.08682	.15020	-.17415	.02685	.06895	.03308	.03563	
01201	GRADE	02702	0.6331	0.2164	-.26365	-.04368	-.04368	.05044	-.17723	.05045	.15321	.06895	-0.1186	
-09A85	SCHDOL	-1117A	-.0945	-.17648	.02441	.07622	.07622	.02809	.04641	-.08598	.10344	.06895	-0.1186	
06637	ATBLACK	15663	13613	.07310	.16320	.84010	.84010	.38446	.30750	.26215	.00308	.11063	-.15230	
04008	ATFKENT	11505	.18587	.16337	10398	.21799	.21799	.19018	.02831	.07582	.04650	.03308	.03563	
08369	ATWHITE	0A010	-0.1244	0.0572	12281	.07934	.07934	.20459	.12889	.08975	-.07605	.14643	-0.15545	
FREQXK9P		1825A	16531	0.2093	15949	10031	10031	11580	11861	13528	00902	18888	10514	
03387	KNOMHTPV	-03742	-1.9706	-0.6032	-0.9796	0.0321	0.0321	-.25393	-.14380	-.09160	-.19671	-.22605	-0.9016	
12333	FREQXPB	21933	.9242	.08933	.13516	.25183	.25183	.03163	-.11861	-.05256	.11723	.22978	.11802	
06188	KNBKHLB	06188	1.00000	.61982	.12845	.22739	.22739	.05146	-.06212	-.06436	.08307	-.12407	.07895	
-05191	YOUSMRTB	.05254	-.06436	-.10750	-.09700	.02802	.02802	.24304	.22933	-.24756	.06514	.03738	.83563	

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OTHMDIAW	.04795	-.07583	-.04795	.07583	.12045	-.04795	-.09147	.09003	.04163	.14250
KNHHTLW	YOUSHRTW	KNHTL	KNHTL	YOUSHRWT	SELFHINT	KNHTMLA	MEDIAPHR	SIGOTVPH	ATTVHP	SELFPCPTH

CORRELATION MATRIX FOR ALL WHITE RESPONDENTS IN THE INTEGRATED SCHOOLS (N = 94)

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for
 Respondents in the Nonintegrated School (N = 48):
 Black and White Portrayals

Black Portrayals

ATTBLACK	(x_1)	is regressed against	ATTTVPB4	(x_2)
			SELFCPT7	(x_3)
			OTMEDIA7	(x_9)
ATTTVPB	(x_2)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP7	(x_{10})
SELFCPT	(x_3)	is regressed against	SES4	(x_{11})
			SIGOTMA8	(x_{12})
YOUSMART	(x_4)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA7	(x_{12})
KNOWBTVP	(x_5)	is regressed against	FREQEXP	(x_{13})
SELFINTB	(x_6)	is regressed against	YOUSMARD	(x_4)
			KNOWBTV4	(x_5)
			FREQEXPG	(x_{13})
			KNBLKWLA	(x_{14})
MEDIAPRB	(x_7)	is regressed against	YOUSMARE	(x_4)
			SELFINT7	(x_6)
			KNBLKWLB	(x_{14})
GENREALB	(x_8)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR7	(x_7)
			KNBLKWLC	(x_{14})

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for
 Respondents in the Nonintegrated School (N = 48):
 Black and White Portrayals

White Portrayals

ATTWHITE (X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVPW4 (X ₂)
		SELFCPT8 (X ₃)
		OTMEDIA8 (X ₉)
ATTTVPW (X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP8 (X ₁₀)
SELFCPT (X ₃)	is regressed against	SES3 (X ₁₁)
		SIGOTMA6 (X ₁₂)
YOUSMART (X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA5 (X ₁₂)
KNOWHTVP (X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXPH (X ₁₃)
SELFINTW (X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMARG (X ₄)
		KNOWHTV4 (X ₅)
		FREQEXPI (X ₁₃)
		KNWHTWLD (X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRW (X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMARG (X ₄)
		SELFINT8 (X ₆)
		KNWHTWLE (X ₁₄)
GENREALW (X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR8 (X ₇)
		KNWHTWLF (X ₁₄)

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	KNOWBTPV	FREQXPFP	SELFINT8	FREQEYPC	KNOWBTV4	KNBLKXLA	YOUSHARD	MEDIAPR8	SELFINT7	KNBLKML8	YOUSHARE	GENREALS
SELFCT8	-.12110	.05669	-.19973	-.20738	.00509	.05595	.25590	-.31318	.03343	.05505	-.29590	-.10727
OTMEDIA8	-.17444	-.06370	.02026	.06546	.27498	-.24935	-.39297	-.00108	-.20650	-.24935	.39297	.30896
KNBLKMLC	-.08499											
YOUSHARD	.05276	.02349	.43765	.33493	.52658		.09821	.28429	.00943	.22534		-.06041
SIGOTM7	-.05041	-.01316	.33959	.41723	.15173		-.09012	.22547	.29223	.10264		.30961
SELFCT7	-.17791	-.01316	.33959	.41723	.15173		-.09012	.22547	.29223	.10264		.30961
SESS	-.15436	.17772	.27138	.22442	.03760		-.07799	.99990	.29223	.10264		.30961
ATTVPR	-.24225	.19149	-.30613	-.16701	.03760		-.05942	-.05942	.29223	.10264		.30961
SIGOTVP7	.13947	.18044	-.44085	-.29354	-.19665		-.15952		.00943	.22534		.30961
ATTBLACK	-.13674	-.07631	-.17244	-.03120	-.10924		-.07799	.99990	.29223	.10264		.30961
ATTVPB4	-.24505	.19253	-.30568	-.16614	.03760		-.05942	-.05942	.29223	.10264		.30961
SELFCT7	-.18738	.02796	-.36351	-.24547	-.98540		-.11668		.00943	.22534		.30961
OTMEDIA7	.09343	.26314	.15667	.07359	.35171		.05746		.17622	.04955		.30961
KNOWHTVP	-.46350	.07462	.03493	-.17425	.05743		-.09036		-.04997	.13612		.30961
FREQEXPM	-.03940	-.05640	-.01536	.10736	.39753		-.04476		.43085	.17246		.30961
SELFINTV	-.10765	-.03908	-.24751	-.05477	.04652		-.11164	.19928	.20685	.16336		.30961
FREQEXPT	-.04274	-.05311	-.01360	.10644	.37595		-.03291	-.00559	.00445	-.24869		.30961
KNOWHTV6	-.43339	.03274	-.05054	.04535	.13401		-.13999		.00783	.06473		.30961
KNMHTM9	-.17575	.34647	-.21226	-.16437	.05829		-.12760		-.11426	.26361		.30961
YOUSHARD	-.05276	-.02549	.43765	.33493	.52658		-.09012	.22547	.29223	.10264		.30961
MEDIAPRM	-.04059	.15577	-.20597	.24346	-.39759		.43765		.43085	.17246		.30961
SELFINT8	-.11450	.30347	.29171	.46404	.30541		.12223		.04997	.13612		.30961
KNMHTM6	-.07575	.36647	-.21226	-.16437	.05829		-.12760		-.11426	.26361		.30961
YOUSHARD	-.05276	-.02549	.43765	.33493	.52658		-.09012	.22547	.29223	.10264		.30961
GFMEALN	.20391	.04514	-.04464	.03956	.09742		-.17447		.11426	.26361		.30961
MEDIAPR8	.14343	-.04674	-.06487	-.02936	.14829		-.19430		-.03105	.15309		.30961
KNMHTM5	.07575	-.36647	-.21226	-.16437	.05829		-.12760		-.11426	.26361		.30961
ATTVPB	-.07904	.03319	-.24091	.14694	.14922		-.08155	.17447	-.23469	.36075		.30961
SIGOTVP8	-.05994	-.01910	-.31307	-.04626	-.00495		-.01915	.18491	.11399	.05527		.30961
ATTWHITE	-.17234	.12270	-.07634	.04039	.04613		-.01750	.07735	.50242	.03966		.30961
ATTVPB4	-.24401	.23409	-.22563	.10435	.23730		.20110	.26998	-.13181	.69200		.30961
SELFCT8	-.18801	.05945	-.25590	-.10388	-.85217		-.32455	-.10700	.03673	-.04864		.30961
OTMEDIA8	.13506	-.24935	.39297	-.00045	.31784		.05784	-.07344	-.35978	.02920		.30961
MEDIAPR7	KNBLKMLC	YOUSHART	SIGOTM7	SELFCTP	KNOWHTV4	KNBLKXLA	YOUSHARD	MEDIAPR8	SELFINT7	KNBLKML8	YOUSHARE	GENREALS
KNOWHTVP	.07685	.17455	.37316	.37709	.13023		.21226		.20685	.16336		.30961
FREQEYPM	.24047	.30104	.94498	.62536	.04939		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
SELFINTV	.12955	.17344	.18599	.09246	.01960		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
FREQEXPI	.22340	.59871	.18599	.06971	.01960		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
KNOWHTV6	.16166	.16715	.06971	.01960	.01960		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
KNMHTM0	.02115	-.16715	.06971	.01960	.01960		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
YOUSHARD	-.16567	-.03493	.01960	.01960	.01960		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
MEDIAPRM	.13594	.17354	.10541	.10009	.08831		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
SELFINT8	.06443	-.28499	-.04524	-.02636	-.03020		-.22139		-.20697	-.28708		.30961
OTMEDIA7	KNOWHTVP	FREQEYPM	SELFINTV	FREQEXPI	KNOWHTV4	KNMHTM0	YOUSHARD	MEDIAPRM				

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KNHMTLE	-.02115	.16715	-.06171	.00246	-.01049	-.21620	-1.00000	-.21226	.27139	.10794	-.21226
YOUS4APG	.14567	.03443	-.01536	-.02475	-.01060	-.05024	-.21226	-1.00000	.20697	.24971	.21226
GENREALM	.07874	-.21519	.00759	-.00284	.01914	-.23115	.17960	.08406	-.04254	-.05419	-.17960
MEDIAPR8	.14450	-.09002	.01776	.02494	-.00271	-.11570	.10124	-.06447	.01027	-.25501	-.10124
KNHMTLHF	.02115	-.16715	.06171	-.00246	.04089	-.21460	1.00000	.21226	-.27139	-.10794	-1.00000
ATTVPW	.15119	.24762	.04435	.60764	.64210	.24676	-.05141	.24091	.01202	-.29526	.05141
SIGOTVPA	-.03644	-.13390	.04687	.59504	.43104	.20443	-.33102	.33307	.02441	-.22005	.33102
ATTMHTE	.10052	-.13724	-.14784	-.01926	-.14039	-.02303	-.26630	-.07634	-.04503	-.02280	-.26630
ATTVPW4	.12259	.31065	.51594	.29122	.51340	.11835	-.06905	.22503	.04231	-.17689	.06905
SELFCPY8	-.35405	-.17415	-.31573	-.05367	-.29497	.11945	-.04742	.25590	-.32044	-.05304	.04742
OTMEDIAB	.34813	-.03251	.01394	-.14161	.01606	.01910	.31392	-.39297	-.06899	.19196	-.31392

OTMEDIAB KNHMTVP FREQEXPH SELFINTM FREDEXPI KNHMTV4 KNHMTLQ YOUSMARF MEDIAPR4 SELFINT8 KNHMTLE YOUSMARC

MEDIAPR8	.55120
KNHMTLHF	.17360
ATTVPW	.00277
SIGOTVPA	-.00431
ATTMHTE	.03929
SELFCPY8	-.14163
OTMEDIAB	.21125

KNHMTLHF	.10124
ATTVPW	.03947
SIGOTVPA	-.05141
ATTMHTE	-.13102
SELFCPY8	.03929
OTMEDIAB	-.09314

ATTVPW4	.08489
ATTVPW8	.12554
SELFCPY8	.25807
ATTVPW4	-.20360
SELFCPY8	-.15942
ATTVPW8	-.27422

GENREALM MEDIAPR8 KNHMTLHF ATTVPW SIGOTVPA ATTMHTE ATTVPW4 SELFCPY8

CORRELATION MATRIX FOR RESPONDENTS IN THE NONINTEGRATED SCHOOL (N=48)

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for Black Respondents (N = 68): Black and White Portrayals

Black Portrayals

ATTBLACK	(x_1)	is regressed against	ATTTVPB2	(x_2)
			SELFCPT3	(x_3)
			OTMEDIA3	(x_9)
ATTTVPB	(x_2)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP3	(x_{10})
SELFCPT	(x_3)	is regressed against	SES2	(x_{11})
			SIGOTMA4	(x_{12})
YOUSMART	(x_4)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA3	(x_{12})
KNOWBTVP	(x_5)	is regressed against	FREQEXP5	(x_{13})
SELFINTB	(x_6)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR5	(x_4)
			KNOWBTV2	(x_5)
			FREQEXP6	(x_{13})
			KNBLKWL4	(x_{14})
MEDIAPRB	(x_7)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR6	(x_4)
			SELFINT3	(x_6)
			KNBLKWL5	(x_{14})
GENREALB	(x_8)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR3	(x_7)
			KNBLKWL6	(x_{14})

Weighted Variable Names in Correlation Matrix for Black
Respondents (N = 68): Black and White Portrayals

White Portrayals

ATTWHITE	(X ₁)	is regressed against	ATTTVPW2	(X ₂)
			SELFCPT4	(X ₃)
			OTMEDIA4	(X ₉)
ATTTVPW	(X ₂)	is regressed against	SIGOTVP4	(X ₁₀)
SELFCPT	(X ₃)	is regressed against	SES2	(X ₁₁)
			SIGOTMA4	(X ₁₂)
YOUSMART	(X ₄)	is regressed against	SIGOTMA5	(X ₁₂)
KNOWHTVP	(X ₅)	is regressed against	FREQEXP7	(X ₁₃)
SELFINTW	(X ₆)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR7	(X ₄)
			KNOWHTV2	(X ₅)
			FREQEXP8	(X ₁₃)
			KNWHTWL4	(X ₁₄)
MEDIAPRW	(X ₇)	is regressed against	YOUSMAR8	(X ₄)
			SELFINT4	(X ₆)
			KNWHTWL5	(X ₁₄)
GENREALW	(X ₈)	is regressed against	MEDIAPR4	(X ₇)
			KNWHTWL6	(X ₁₄)

CORRELATION MATRIX FOR BLACK RESPONDENTS (N = 68)

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	KNOWHTVP	FREQEXP5	SELFINT8	FREQEXP6	KNOWHTV2	KNBLKML6	YOUSMARS	MEDIAPR8	SELFINT5	YOUSMARS6	KNBLKML5	GENREALL
SELFCPT4	.03107	-.06763	.11576	-.10660	.05768	-.13228	.29608	.08495	-.11125	.29483	.13228	-.13717
OTMEDI44	-.11342	.10050	-.05080	-.02993	-.09235	-.03366	.02060	.10321	.06022	.02060	-.03666	-.10512
KNOWHTVP												
FREQEXP5												
SELFINT8												
FREQEXP6												
KNOWHTV2												
KNBLKML6												
YOUSMARS												
MEDIAPR8												
SELFINT5												
YOUSMARS6												
KNBLKML5												
GENREALL												

	KNOWHTVP	FREQEXP7	SELFINTM	FREQEXP8	KNOWHTV2	KNMHTML6	YOUSMART	ATTVP8	SIGOTVP3	ATTBLACK	ATTVP82	SELFCPT3
KNOWHTVP												
FREQEXP7												
SELFINTM												
FREQEXP8												
KNOWHTV2												
KNMHTML6												
YOUSMART												
ATTVP8												
SIGOTVP3												
ATTBLACK												
ATTVP82												
SELFCPT3												

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INTERCORRELATIONS FOR MEDIA PERCEPTION INDEX

INTERCORRELATIONS FOR MEDIA PERCEPTION INDEX

As reported in Chapter III, six measures for each set of black and white portrayals were combined to form the media perception indices. Each measure is given below followed by a table of intercorrelations for the six measures in each index.

Measures for Florida Evans

- A. When this person is on TV, she has a family and neighbors. When this person is not on TV, does she have the same family and neighbors?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVVF)

- B. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

3 yes 1 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVFLOP)

Measures for Redd Foxx

- C. When this person is on TV, he owns a junkyard and has a son and neighbors. When this person is not on TV, does he own a junkyard and have the same son and the same neighbors?

(same responses as above)
(Variable name: MRTVFOXX)

- D. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

(same responses as above)
(Variable name: MRTVREDD)

Measures for Black Portrayals
in General

- E. When you see black people on programs like Good Times, they have families and neighbors on the program. When these people are not on TV, do they have the same families and neighbors?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVFAMB)

- F. When you see black people on programs like Good Times and other programs with black families, are the people just playing a part or pretending?

3 yes 1 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVBLFM)

Measures for Archie Bunker

- A. When this person is on TV, he works at a factory, and has a family and neighbors. When this person is not on TV, does he work at that factory and have the same family and neighbors?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVA)

- B. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

3 yes 1 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVARCH)

Measures for Edith Bunker

- C. When this person is on TV, she has a family and neighbors. When this person is not on TV, does she have the same family and neighbors?

(same responses as above)
(Variable name: MRTVEDIT)

- D. When this person is on TV, is this person just playing a part or pretending?

(same responses as above)
(Variable name: MOTVEDIT)

Measures for White Portrayals
in General

- E. When you see white people on programs like All in The Family, they have families and neighbors on the program. When these people are not on TV, do they have the same families and neighbors?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

(Variable name: MRTVFAMW)

- F. When you see white people on programs like All in The Family and other programs with white families, are the people just playing a part or pretending?

1 yes 3 no 2 I don't know

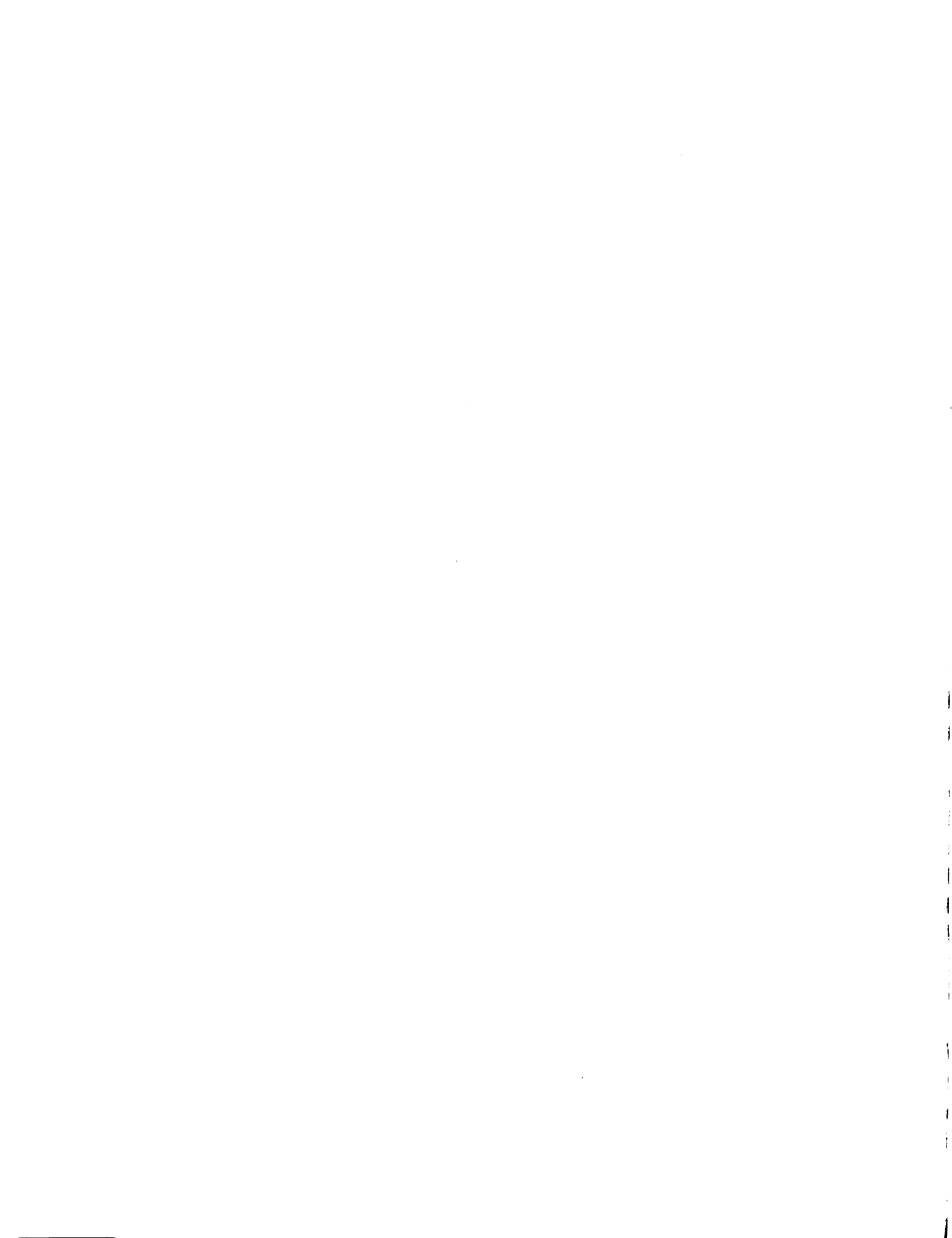
(Variable name: MRTVWTFM)

TABLE 8.-- Intercorrelations for Media Perception of Black Portrayals Index (MEDIAPRB).

	MRTVF	MRTVFLO	MRTVFOX	MRTVREDD	MRTVFAMB	MRTVB LFM
MRTVF	1.00					
MRTVFLO	.16	1.00				
MRTVFOX	.40	.19	1.00			
MRTVREDD	.11	.40	.25	1.00		
MRTVFAMB	.43	.20	.53	.15	1.00	
MRTVB LFM	.04	.42	.00	.35	.13	1.00

TABLE 9.--Intercorrelations for Media Perception of White Portrayals Index (MEDIAPRW).

	MRTVA	MRTVARCH	MRTVEDIT	MOTVEDIT	MRTVFAMW	MRTVWTFM
MRTVA	1.00					
MRTVARCH	.17	1.00				
MRTVEDIT	.52	.16	1.00			
MOTVEDIT	.14	.46	.09	1.00		
MRTVFAMW	.40	.17	.46	.16	1.00	
MRTVWTFM	.13	.35	.08	.54	.10	1.00



INTERCORRELATIONS FOR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS'
ATTITUDES TOWARD TV PORTRAYALS INDEX

INTERCORRELATIONS FOR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS' ATTITUDES

As reported in Chapter III the attitudes of up to five significant others for each television portrayal were elicited from the respondents. These attitudes were measured on five-point Likert-type scales for liking of the character portrayal. The scales ranged from "very much" to "not at all" and were scored from 5 to 1 with 5 being the high point of the scale. The scales for black portrayals formed the index SIGOTVPB; the scales for white portrayals formed the index SIGOTVPW. For the following intercorrelations, the attitudes are simply labeled by letters. A frequency table of significant other mentions (by relationship to the respondent) is also in this Appendix.

TABLE 10.-- Intercorrelations for Significant Others' Attitudes Toward Black Television Portrayals Index (SIGOTVPB).

	F	G	H	I	J	P	Q	R	S	T
F	1.00									
G	.86	1.00								
H	.73	.82	1.00							
I	.65	.75	.86	1.00						
J	.56	.64	.74	.84	1.00					
P	.56	.55	.51	.50	.42	1.00				
Q	.53	.60	.56	.58	.51	.83	1.00			
R	.48	.54	.62	.61	.56	.75	.88	1.00		
S	.42	.49	.58	.63	.63	.63	.74	.84	1.00	
T	.41	.49	.57	.63	.71	.55	.64	.73	.87	1.00

TABLE 11.--Intercorrelations for Significant Others' Attitudes
Toward White Television Portrayals Index (SIGOTVPW).

	A	B	C	D	E	K	L	M	N	O
A	1.00									
B	.35	1.00								
C	.53	.34	1.00							
D	.29	.27	.39	1.00						
E	.47	.54	.55	.41	1.00					
K	.69	.43	.34	.21	.52	1.00				
L	.62	.39	.56	.25	.55	.75	1.00			
M	.61	.41	.70	.36	.62	.55	.65	1.00		
N	.34	.06	.56	.54	.21	.37	.41	.73	1.00	
O	.21	.29	.44	.22	.44	.50	.64	.63	.81	1.00

RELIABILITY ESTIMATES FOR INDICES
ACROSS SAMPLE GROUPS

RELIABILITY ESTIMATES FOR INDICES ACROSS SAMPLE GROUPS

Chapter III reported the reliability estimates for two-item indices (using the Spearman-Brown formula) and indices with more than two items (using coefficient alpha) for the sample as a whole (N = 241). This section reports these estimates for groups within the sample.

White Respondents--Integrated Schools (N = 94)

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of black persons (FREQEXPB)	.57
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of white persons (FREQEXPW)	.87
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Name identification)	.45
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Race identification)	.67
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Name identification)	.72
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Race identification)	.85
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of black persons (SELFINTB)	.68

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient</u> <u>(Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of white persons (SELFINTW)	.61
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of black persons (GENREALB)	.64
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of white persons (GENREALW)	.46
Attitude toward television portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)	.58
Attitude toward television portrayals of white persons (ATTTVPW)	.75
Other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)	.29
Other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW)	.41
Self-concept	.54

<u>Multi-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient</u> <u>(Coefficient Alpha)</u>
Media perception of black characters (MEDIAPRB)	.72
Media perception of white characters (MEDIAPRW)	.65
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of black characters (SIGOTVPB)	.94
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of white characters (SIGOTVPW)	.96
Significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)	.57

White Respondents--Nonintegrated School (N = 48)

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of black persons (FREQEXPB)	.54
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of white persons (FREQEXPW)	.68
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Name identification)	.40
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Race identification)	.97
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Name identification)	.84
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Race identification)	.76
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of black persons (SELFINTB)	.65
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of white persons (SELFINTW)	.57
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of black persons (GENREALB)	.68
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of white persons (GENREALW)	.47
Attitude toward television portrayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)	.54
Attitude toward television portrayals of white persons (ATTTVPW)	.68

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)	.43
Other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW)	.44
Self-concept	.65

<u>Multi-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Coefficient Alpha)</u>
Media perception of black characters (MEDIAPRB)	.68
Media perception of white characters (MEDIAPRW)	.70
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of black characters (SIGOTVPB)	.89
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of white characters (SIGOTVPW)	.91
Significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)	.58

Black Respondents (N = 68)

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of black persons (FREQEXPB)	.70
Frequency of exposure to television portrayals of white persons (FREQEXPW)	.95
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Name identification)	.56
Knowledge of television portrayals of black persons (KNOWBTVP) (Race identification)	.82

<u>Two-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Spearman-Brown Formula)</u>
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Name identification)	.82
Knowledge of television portrayals of white persons (KNOWHTVP) (Race identification)	.66
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of black persons (SELFINTB)	.56
Self-interaction concerning television portrayals of white persons (SELFINTW)	.84
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of black persons (GENREALB)	.67
Generalized reality concerning television portrayals of white persons (GENREALW)	.65
Attitude toward television por- trayals of black persons (ATTTVPB)	.53
Attitude toward television por- trayals of white persons (ATTTVPW)	.78
Other media attitudes toward black persons (OTMEDIAB)	.43
Other media attitudes toward white persons (OTMEDIAW)	.45
Self-concept	.53
 <u>Multi-Item Indices</u>	 <u>Reliability Coefficient (Coefficient Alpha)</u>
Media perception of black characters (MEDIAPRB)	.72
Media perception of white characters (MEDIAPRW)	.65

<u>Multi-Item Indices</u>	<u>Reliability Coefficient (Coefficient Alpha)</u>
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of black characters (SIGOTVPB)	.94
Significant others' attitudes toward television portrayals of white characters (SIGOTVPW)	.95
Significant others' attitudes toward mental ability (SIGOTHMA)	.57

FREQUENCY OF SIGNIFICANT OTHER
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Table 12.--Frequency of Significant Other (Attitude) Mentions by
Character.

Significant Other	Character				Total Frequency
	Archie Bunker	Florida Evans	Edith Bunker	Redd Foxx	Significant Other
Mother	95	99	82	89	365
Father	84	78	66	79	307
Brother	87	94	70	80	331
Sister	63	87	60	75	285
Friend	113	149	99	98	459
Relative	25	32	31	32	120
Teacher	3	2	3	2	10
Me	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	43
Total Frequency (Significant other mentions for each character)	476	553	421	470	

Total mentions possible for all characters: 964.

APPENDIX C

STRUCTURAL AND ESTIMATING EQUATIONS

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Structural Equations

$$X_1 = P_{12}X_2 + P_{13}X_3 + P_{19}X_9 + P_{1q} \quad (1)$$

$$X_2 = P_{210}X_{10} + P_{2s} \quad (2)$$

$$X_3 = P_{311}X_{11} + P_{312}X_{12} + P_{3t} \quad (3)$$

$$X_4 = P_{412}X_{12} + P_{4u} \quad (4)$$

$$X_5 = P_{513}X_{13} + P_{5v} \quad (5)$$

$$X_6 = P_{64}X_4 + P_{65}X_5 + P_{613}X_{13} + P_{614}X_{14} + P_{6w} \quad (6)$$

$$X_7 = P_{74}X_4 + P_{76}X_6 + P_{714}X_{14} + P_{7y} \quad (7)$$

$$X_8 = P_{87}X_7 + P_{814}X_{14} + P_{8z} Z_8 \quad (8)$$

Estimating Equations

$$(X_1 = P_{12}X_2 + P_{13}X_3 + P_{19}X_9 + P_{1q})$$

$$r_{11} = P_{12}r_{21} + P_{13}r_{31} + P_{19}r_{91} + P_{1q}r_{q1} \quad (9)$$

$$r_{12} = P_{12}r_{22} + P_{13}r_{32} + P_{19}r_{92} + P_{1q}r_{s2} \quad (10)$$

$$r_{13} = P_{12}r_{32} + P_{13}r_{33} + P_{19}r_{93} + P_{1q}r_{t3} \quad (11)$$

$$r_{19} = P_{12}r_{92} + P_{13}r_{93} + P_{19}r_{99} + P_{1q}r_{q1} \quad (12)$$

$$(X_2 = P_{210}X_{10} + P_{2s})$$

$$r_{22} = P_{210}r_{102} + P_{2s}r_{s2} \quad (13)$$

$$r_{210} = P_{210}r_{1010} + P_{2s}r_{s2} \quad (14)$$

$$(X_3 = P_{311}X_{11} + P_{312}X_{12} + P_{3t})$$

$$r_{33} = P_{311}r_{113} + P_{3t}r_{t3} \quad (15)$$

$$r_{311} = P_{311}r_{1111} + P_{312}r_{1211} + P_{3t}r_{t3} \quad (16)$$

$$r_{312} = P_{311}r_{1112} + P_{312}r_{1212} + P_{3t}r_{t3} \quad (17)$$

$$(X_4 = P_{412}X_{12} + P_{4u})$$

$$r_{44} = P_{412}r_{124} + P_{4u}r_{u4} \quad (18)$$

$$r_{412} = P_{412}r_{1212} + P_{4u}r_{u4} \quad (19)$$

$$(X_5 = P_{513}X_{13} + P_{5v})$$

$$r_{55} = P_{513}r_{135} + P_{5v}r_{v5} \quad (20)$$

$$r_{513} = P_{513}r_{1313} + P_{5v}r_{v5} \quad (21)$$

$$(X_6 = P_{64}X_4 + P_{65}X_5 + P_{613}X_{13} + P_{614}X_{14} + P_{6w})$$

$$r_{66} = P_{64}r_{46} + P_{65}r_{56} + P_{613}r_{13} + P_{614}r_{14} + P_{6w}r_{w6} \quad (22)$$

$$r_{64} = P_{64}r_{44} + P_{65}r_{54} + P_{613}r_{134} + P_{614}r_{144} + P_{6w}r_{u4} \quad (23)$$

$$r_{65} = P_{64}r_{45} + P_{65}r_{55} + P_{613}r_{135} + P_{614}r_{145} + P_{6w}r_{v5} \quad (24)$$

$$r_{613} = P_{64}r_{413} + P_{65}r_{513} + P_{613}r_{1313} + P_{614}r_{1413} + P_{6w}r_{w6} \quad (25)$$

$$r_{614} = P_{64}r_{414} + P_{65}r_{514} + P_{613}r_{1314} + P_{614}r_{1414} + P_{6w}r_{w6} \quad (26)$$

$$(X_7 = P_{74}X_4 + P_{76}X_6 + P_{714}X_{14} + P_{7y})$$

$$r_{77} = P_{74}r_{47} + P_{76}r_{67} + P_{714}r_{147} + P_{7y}r_{y7} \quad (27)$$

$$r_{74} = P_{74}r_{44} + P_{76}r_{64} + P_{714}r_{144} + P_{7y}r_{u4} \quad (28)$$

$$r_{76} = P_{74}r_{46} + P_{76}r_{66} + P_{714}r_{146} + P_{7y}r_{w6} \quad (29)$$

$$r_{714} = P_{74}r_{414} + P_{76}r_{614} + P_{714}r_{1414} + P_{7y}r_{y7} \quad (30)$$

$$(X_8 = P_{87}X_7 + P_{814}X_{14} + P_{8z})$$

$$r_{88} = P_{87}r_{78} + P_{814}r_{148} + P_{8z}r_{z8} \quad (31)$$

$$r_{87} = P_{87}r_{77} + P_{814}r_{147} + P_{8z}r_{y7} \quad (32)$$

$$r_{814} = P_{87}r_{714} + P_{814}r_{1414} + P_{8z}r_{z8} \quad (33)$$

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PATH COEFFICIENTS, MULTIPLE CORRELATIONS, R SQUARE,
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FREEDOM ACROSS SAMPLE GROUPS

TABLE 13.--All Sample Respondents (Black Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 3 (N = 241).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTBLACK	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPB	X ₂	.26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.12	.00	--
KNOWBTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.07	--	--
SELFINTB	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.22	--
MEDIAPRB	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-.12
GENREALB	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAB	X ₉	.08	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPB	X ₁₀	--	.37	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.10	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.28	.32	--	--	--	--
FREQXPB	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.30	.23	--	--
KNBLKWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.28	.16	.21
Multiple or Simple R		.32	.37	.30	.32	.30	.40	.23	.24
R Square		.10	.14	.09	.10	.09	.16	.05	.05
F Test		9.26	36.5	11.9	26.8	23.6	11.3	4.55	7.33
Sig. Level		.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Degrees of Freedom		3/237	1/239	2/238	1/239	1/239	4/236	3/237	2/238

TABLE 14.--All Sample Respondents (White Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 4 (N = 241).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTWHITE	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPW	X ₂	.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.03	.01	--
KNOWHTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.12	--	--
SELFINTW	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.11	--
MEDIAPRW	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-.04
GENREALW	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAW	X ₉	.21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPW	X ₁₀	--	.42	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.10	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.28	.32	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPW	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.17	.26	--	--
KNWHTWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.05	.14	.08
Multiple or Simple R		.36	.42	.30	.32	.17	.31	.18	.15
R Square		.13	.18	.09	.10	.03	.10	.03	.02
F Test		11.7	51.6	11.9	26.8	6.70	6.06	2.58	2.64
Sig. Level		.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.00	.05	.07
Degrees of Freedom		3/237	1/239	2/238	1/239	1/239	4/236	3/237	2/238

TABLE 15.--All White Respondents (Black Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 5 (N = 142).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTBLACK	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPB	X ₂	.18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.14	.02	--
KNOWBTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.15	--	--
SELFINTB	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.24	--
MEDIAPRB	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-.23
GENREALB	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAB	X ₉	.02	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPB	X ₁₀	--	.35	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.07	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.34	.33	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPB	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.27	.28	--	--
KNBLKWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.08	.16	.01
Multiple or Simple R		.43	.35	.35	.33	.27	.35	.27	.23
R Square		.19	.12	.12	.11	.07	.12	.07	.05
F Test		5.24	19.7	9.30	15.6	10.8	4.63	3.67	3.96
Sig. Level		.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.02
Degrees of Freedom		3/138	1/140	2/139	1/140	1/140	4/137	3/138	2/139

TABLE 16.--All White Respondents (White Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 6 (N = 142).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTWHITE	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPW	X ₂	.15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.05	.01	--
KNOWHTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.21	--	--
SELFINTW	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.11	--
MEDIAPRW	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.13
GENREALW	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAW	X ₉	.13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPW	X ₁₀	--	.46	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.07	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.34	.33	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPW	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.20	.39	--	--
KNWHTWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.10	.14	.02
Multiple or Simple R		.30	.46	.35	.33	.20	.45	.18	.13
R Square		.09	.21	.12	.11	.04	.20	.03	.02
F Test		3.57	36.5	9.30	15.6	5.73	8.74	1.46	1.16
Sig. Level		.01	.00	.00	.00	.01	.00	.22	.31
Degrees of Freedom		3/138	1/140	2/139	1/140	1/140	4/137	3/138	2/139

TABLE 17.--White Respondents, Integrated Schools (Black Portrayals),
Beta Coefficients in Figure 7 (N = 94).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTBLACK	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPB	X ₂	.12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.30	.01	--
KNOWBTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.22	--	--
SELFINTB	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.26	--
MEDIAPRB	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.42
GENREALB	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAB	X ₉	.43	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPB	X ₁₀	--	.40	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.06	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.33	.34	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPB	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.25	.29	--	--
KNBLKWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.06	.26	.03
Multiple or Simple R		.55	.40	.34	.34	.25	.43	.36	.43
R Square		.31	.16	.12	.12	.06	.18	.13	.19
F Test		13.4	17.7	6.05	12.1	6.05	5.09	4.56	10.5
Sig. Level		.00	.00	.00	.00	.02	.00	.00	.00
Degrees of Freedom		3/90	1/92	2/91	1/92	1/92	4/89	3/90	2/91

TABLE 18.--White Respondents, Integrated Schools (White Portrayals),
Beta Coefficients in Figure 8 (N = 94).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTWHITE	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPW	X ₂	.17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.15	.02	--
KNOWHTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.01	--	--
SELFINTW	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.14	--
MEDIAPRW	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.20
GENREALW	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAPW	X ₉	.09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPW	X ₁₀	--	.44	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.06	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.33	.34	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPW	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.25	.39	--	--
KNWHTWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.12	.04	.11
Multiple or Simple R		.30	.44	.34	.34	.25	.45	.14	.22
R Square		.09	.20	.12	.12	.06	.21	.02	.05
F Test		3.07	22.8	6.05	12.1	5.94	5.83	.623	2.23
Sig. Level		.03	.00	.00	.00	.01	.00	.60	.11
Degrees of Freedom		3/90	1/92	2/91	1/92	1/92	4/89	3/90	2.91

TABLE 19.--White Respondents in the Nonintegrated School (Black Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 9 (N = 48).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTBLACK	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPB	X ₂	.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.16	.18	--
KNOWBTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.21	--	--
SELFINTB	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.14	--
MEDIAPRB	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.36
GENREALB	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAB	X ₉	.14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPB	X ₁₀	--	.29	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.09	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.52	.45	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPB	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.30	.36	--	--
KNBLKWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.11	.11	.09
Multiple or Simple R		.30	.29	.57	.45	.30	.51	.28	.38
R Square		.09	.08	.32	.20	.09	.26	.08	.15
F Test		1.01	4.04	8.98	10.8	4.33	3.63	1.20	3.65
Sig. Level		.39	.05	.00	.00	.04	.01	.31	.03
Degrees of Freedom		3/44	1/46	2/45	1/46	1/46	4/43	3/44	2/45

TABLE 20.--White Respondents in the Nonintegrated School (White Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 10 (N = 48).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTWHITE	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPW	X ₂	.20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.22	.17	--
KNOWHTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.36	--	--
SELFINTW	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.13	--
MEDIAPRW	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.54
GENREALW	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAPW	X ₉	.36	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPW	X ₁₀	--	.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.09	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.52	.45	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPW	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.17	.33	--	--
KNWHTWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.01	.18	-.18
Multiple or Simple R		.41	.50	.57	.45	.17	.58	.30	.57
R Square		.17	.25	.32	.20	.03	.34	.09	.32
F Test		2.45	15.6	8.98	10.8	1.44	5.09	1.49	10.5
Sig. Level		.07	.00	.00	.00	.23	.00	.23	.00
Degrees of Freedom		3/44	1/46	2/45	1/46	1/46	4/43	3/44	2/45

TABLE 21.--All Black Respondents (Black Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 11 (N = 68).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTBLACK	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPB	X ₂	.46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.10	.12	--
KNOWBTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.08	--	--
SELFINTB	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.20	--
MEDIAPRB	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.18
GENREALB	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAB	X ₉	.20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPB	X ₁₀	--	.41	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.24	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.47	.50	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPB	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.29	.16	--	--
KNBLKWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	.14	.17	.26
Multiple or Simple R		.61	.41	.52	.50	.29	.37	.28	.31
R Square		.37	.17	.27	.25	.08	.14	.08	.10
F Test		12.2	13.1	11.9	21.8	5.82	.980	1.79	3.46
Sig. Level		.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.42	.15	.03
Degrees of Freedom		3/64	1/66	2/65	1/66	1/66	4/63	3/64	2/64

TABLE 22.--All Black Respondents (White Portrayals), Beta Coefficients in Figure 12 (N = 68).

		Dependent Variables							
		X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈
ATTWHITE	X ₁	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ATTTVPW	X ₂	.30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SELFCPT	X ₃	.15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
YOUSMART	X ₄	--	--	--	--	--	.03	.15	--
KNOWHTVP	X ₅	--	--	--	--	--	.21	--	--
SELFINTW	X ₆	--	--	--	--	--	--	.12	--
MEDIAPRW	X ₇	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.14
GENREALW	X ₈	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OTMEDIAPRW	X ₉	.24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTVPW	X ₁₀	--	.45	--	--	--	--	--	--
SES	X ₁₁	--	--	.24	--	--	--	--	--
SIGOTHMA	X ₁₂	--	--	.47	.50	--	--	--	--
FREQEXPW	X ₁₃	--	--	--	--	.28	-.05	--	--
KNWHTWL	X ₁₄	--	--	--	--	--	-.05	-.00	.12
Multiple or Simple R		.43	.45	.52	.50	.28	.26	.19	.25
R Square		.18	.20	.27	.25	.08	.06	.04	.06
F Test		4.66	15.7	11.9	21.8	5.75	.799	.829	1.15
Sig. Level		.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.530	.48	.32
Degrees of Freedom		3/64	1/66	2/65	1/66	1/66	4/63	3/64	2/65

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