

The Perceived Online Racism Scale-Short Form (15 items)

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

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

In the past 6 months, I have...

Short Form

1. Received posts with racist comments.
2. Been tagged in (or shared) racist content (e.g., websites, photos, videos, posts) insulting my race/ethnicity.
3. Received a racist meme (e.g., racist catchphrases, captioned photos, #hashtags etc.).
4. Been harassed by someone (e.g., troll) who started a racist argument about me for no reason.
5. Received racist insults regarding my online profile (e.g., profile pictures, user ID).
6. Seen other racial/minority users being threatened to be harmed or killed.
7. Seen other racial/minority users being treated like a criminal.
8. Seen other racial/minority users receive racist insults regarding their online profile (e.g., profile pictures, user ID).
9. Seen other racial/minority users being treated like a second-class citizen.
10. Seen other racial/minority users receive racist comments.
11. Been informed about unfairness in financial gains for racial/ethnic minorities (e.g., earning less money than Whites for doing the same work, unfair housing and loan opportunities).
12. Encountered a viral/trending online racist content (e.g., many likes, stars).
13. Been informed about a viral/trending racist event happening elsewhere (e.g., in a different location).
14. Encountered online resources (e.g., Urban Dictionary) promoting negative racial/ethnic stereotypes as if they are true.
15. Seen online videos (e.g., YouTube) that portray my racial/ethnic group negatively.

Scoring

Personal Experiences of Racial Cyber-Aggression (PERCA): Items 1-5

Vicarious Exposure to Racial Cyber-Aggression (VERCA): Items 6-10

Online-Mediated Exposure to Racist Reality (OMERR): Items 11-15

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

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