

BLACK RESPONDENTS

Table 5.6

Miscellaneous questions (black respondents).

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2008
Thermometer Rating of Blacks (ISR)					
Mean of 100-point scale	84	(81)	70	88	86
Thermometer Rating of Whites (ISR)					
Mean of 100-point scale	77	(75)	64	73	77
Black Push (NORC)					
Disagree strongly	46%	43%	46%	--	--
Disagree slightly	18	20	28	--	--
Agree slightly	21	16	13	--	--
Agree strongly	16	21	13	--	--

Question Wording and Notes:

Thermometer Rating of Blacks (ISR): “There are many groups in America that try to get the government or the American people to see things more their way. We would like to get your feelings toward some of these groups. Blacks. Where would you put them on the thermometer? Results for 2000 are presented in (parentheses) because the sample size was below 100 cases--in 2000, 60 black respondents answered this question. Data for 1998 were collected by both telephone and face-to-face interviews.

Response: Mean of 100-point scale

Thermometer Rating of Whites (ISR): “There are many groups in America that try to get the government or the American people to see things more their way. We would like to get your feelings toward some of these groups. Whites. Where

would you put them on the thermometer? Results for 2000 are presented in (parentheses) because the sample size was below 100 cases--in 2000, 60 black respondents answered this question. Data for 1998 were collected by both telephone and face-to-face interviews.

Response: Mean of 100-point scale

Black Push (NORC): “Here are some opinions other people have expressed in connection with black-white relations. Which statement on the card comes closest to how you, yourself, feel? African Americans shouldn’t push themselves where they’re not wanted.”

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree slightly
3. Disagree slightly
4. Disagree strongly