

# Racial Resentment

## • Racial resentment indicators (Pettigrew & Meertens 1995):

1. Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for African Americans to work their way out of the lower class.
2. Many other minority groups have overcome prejudice and worked their way up. African Americans should do the same without any special favors.
3. Over the past few years, African Americans have gotten less than they deserve.
4. It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if African Americans would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites.

## • Cronbach $\alpha$ = .86; 1st eigenvalue = 2.8.

## • 5 category ordinal responses; scale via graded response IRT.