

Notes recorded by Jared Brees from Sociology (2009-11-06)

I. Social Distance Scale (Bogardus)

A. 1925-2001

1. Average score
 - a. From Neighbor to family member
2. Americans
 - a. Most accepting of European descent
 - b. Then African descent
 - c. Least Muslim and Arabs
 - d. But still, all on average are accepted into the family or as a close friend

II. Majority Group

A. Dominant racial group

1. White America
 - a. Exploit and control other groups
 - b. Social advantage
2. White Privilege
 - a. Racial identity
 - i. Special consideration

III. Minority Groups, In General

A. General Characteristics

1. Distinct identity
 - a. Race, sex, sexual orientation, poverty
2. Subordination
 - a. Lower status
 - b. Stereotypes, stigma, and labeling
3. Group size does not matter
 - a. Women in America outnumber men
 - b. Blacks in South Africa outnumber whites
4. Lack of power

IV. Understand Prejudice

A. Institutional prejudice and discrimination

1. Built into every day societal functions
- B. Prejudice
 1. Negative, rigid, and

Note: Some stuff is missing; it would go where this notice is.

V. Levels of Prejudice

- A. Cognitive level
 1. The idea or thought
 - a. Jewish people are greedy
- B. Emotional level
 1. Attaching feelings to idea
 - a. Learning to feel anger towards whites
- C. Action-Orientation level
 1. Predisposition to act
 - a. More likely to verbally or physically attack a targeted group

VI. Racism

- A. Overt
- B. Modern racism – covert

VII. Theories of Prejudice

- A. Scapegoat theory (Dollard et al. 1939)
 1. Blaming others for personal troubles
 2. Target selection and then aggression
- B. Authoritarian personality (Adorn et al. 1950)
 1. The "Archie Bunker" Theory
- C. Culture of Prejudice
 1. The socialization experience
 2. It's "normal" for people to prejudge others
- D. Conflict theory
 1. Self-justification for the rich and powerful in America
 2. Race consciousness (Steele 1990)
 - a. Use of "Race Card" by minority groups can lead to "White Backlash" movements