

Are YOU are a racist?

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Answer this quiz and find out...

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1. When looking at your peer group would you describe it as:

- a) made up of a wide range of people groups
- b) people you've known for a long time
- c) people like you
- d) white, male, middle class, heterosexual, and proud of it.

2. You would define racism as:

- a) all forms of discrimination, whether overt or covert, which judge a person on the basis of his or her race
- b) ethnic abuse
- c) harassing wogs
- d) a damn fine way of life

3. If a Chinese woman sat next to you, you would describe her as:

- a) the person sitting next to you
- b) the Chinese woman sitting next to you

- c) Anglo-Celtically challenged
- d) reason to move seats

4. A group of school children are pushing another child around, and hurling racist abuse at him. Do you:

- a) wade in, liberate the kid, and proceed to lecture the bullies on the evils of bigotry
- b) go and call the police
- c) walk away, feeling a bit guilty
- d) join in the abuse

5. Multiculturalism's best point is:

- a) the idea that no one culture owns a nation, and that all can co-exist, learning from and respecting each other
- b) the marvellous things that other cultures bring: kohl eye pencil, fried rice, falafel rolls, Austrian blinds...
- c) the Italian restaurant down the road
- d) that it will bring about the fall of the socialist left government that much sooner

6. Japan is:

- a) a group of islands off the coasts of China and Russia
- b) a source of great food, fashion and nifty techno toys
- c) the place where all those cute little

tourists come from, although you get a bit sick of taking their photos all the time at Circular Quay

- d) the enemy. And they're buying up Queensland

7. The Mabo decision means:

- a) that the myth of Terra Nullius is finally dispelled
- b) that it's a lot easier to make land rights claims
- c) that the Aborigines will want all the best bits of the country
- d) that daddy's mining company is in real trouble

8. Refugees:

- a) should be welcomed regardless of whether they are fleeing political or financial hardship. They contribute a great deal to Australia and more than repay the initial cost of their immigration
- b) shouldn't be detained in camps, because that's uncivilised
- c) are okay if they're fleeing political persecution, but those ones who just come here to get the dole are a bit on the nose
- d) should be held off with gunboats

9. Australia is:

- a) a large island continent in the Southern Hemisphere, with a long history
- b) full of sun, with lots of great beaches, and the best place to live on earth
- c) the home of the world's greatest cricket

and rugby teams

- d) for the Australians

10. Australians are:

- a) people who are residents of Australia
- b) the Aboriginal peoples, and also those who've been here for more than one generation
- c) great cricketers, and they also know how to hold their beer
- d) being ruined by the influx of non-whites.

Answers

people like you really piss us off.

If you scored mostly A's: You are so politically correct you're probably in the Students' Representative Council. That's great as long as you actually mean it, and don't just espouse these views because you think you should. A best case scenario has you as a kind, caring person who really appreciates difference whether based on race, sex, gender preference, etc. You are probably one of the members of the Racism Sux Collective. A worst case has you as the type who organise their peer groups so that each 'minority' group is proportionately represented. It is also possible that you're so alternative that racial distinctions don't permeate your consciousness.

If you scored mostly B's: You mean well, occasionally you accidentally offend people, and you're really embarrassed, because you like your "ethnic" friends. A hint: stop thinking of folks in terms of their ethnicity unless it's an integral part of the conversation you're having. On the whole you're probably a fairly decent person, so much so that you might like to come along and get involved with the Racism Sux Collective in order to learn a little more about how to combat racism.

If you scored mostly C's: You wouldn't call yourself racist, but then you wouldn't think about it. Your friends are probably all very much like you even down to dress sense. Perhaps it's time you broadened your horizons, a quick trip to the Collective one Friday would be a good start, just don't go to the bar first. It's probable that you've just been a little insulated from reality, but you're probably not intrinsically evil.

If you scored mostly D's: You are such a reactionary bastard that you probably cheated. You make Bruce Ruxton look tolerant. If you really hold these views then there is no group at Uni who would feel comfortable around you. Try a few miles down King St, National Action are always on the lookout for new recruits. Don't come along to the Collective, because some of us are still learning to be tolerant, and