Respectability and the Politics of Punishment among Black Americans
Appendix

Appendix A: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Sample Characteristics

Appendix B: April 2019 Measure Coding

Appendix C: Examining the Two Dimensions of the Respectability Politics Scale

Appendix D: Distribution of the Respectability Politics Scale by Various Subgroups

Appendix E: Respectability Politics Scale Correlation Table

Appendix F: Regression Table for Manuscript Figure 2

Appendix G: Regression Table for Manuscript Figure 3

Appendix H: Regression Table for Manuscript Figure 4

Appendix A: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Sample Characteristics

Table A1: Sample characteristics of April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Sample

Statistic	Mean	St. Dev.	N
Female	0.790	0.408	538
Male	0.210	0.408	538
High school graduate	0.243	0.430	538
Some college	0.284	0.452	538
4 year degree	0.208	0.406	538
2 year degree	0.119	0.324	538
Professional degree	0.119	0.324	538
Less than high school	0.020	0.142	538
Doctorate	0.006	0.075	538
Neither	0.132	0.339	538
Strong Democrat	0.572	0.495	538
Lean Democrat	0.048	0.215	538
Strong Republican	0.026	0.159	538
Weak Democrat	0.184	0.388	538
Lean Republican	0.015	0.121	538
Weak Republican	0.022	0.148	538
18 - 24	0.117	0.322	538
35 - 44	0.125	0.330	538
25 - 34	0.152	0.360	538
75 - 84	0.035	0.185	538
65 - 74	0.223	0.417	538
55 - 64	0.242	0.428	538
45 - 54	0.100	0.301	538
85 or older	0.002	0.043	538
Under 18	0.004	0.061	538
Non-South	0.543	0.499	538
South	0.457	0.499	538
Moderate	0.368	0.483	538
Slightly liberal	0.134	0.341	538
Extremely liberal	0.125	0.330	538
Slightly conservative	0.089	0.285	538
Conservative	0.067	0.250	538
Extremely conservative	0.043	0.202	538
Liberal	0.175	0.380	538

Appendix B: April 2019 Qualtrics Study Measure Coding

Scaling of all variables:
All variables are rescaled from 0 to 1.

Authoritarianism: This is an index of respondents' responses to the four authoritarianism items: respect for elders, good manners, obedience, and well-behaved items. The authoritarian responses correspond with higher values.

Importance of religion to life: Higher importance corresponds to higher values.

In-group shame: Higher shame corresponds to higher values.

In-group anger: Higher anger corresponds to higher values.

Identity: Stronger identity corresponds to higher values.

Closeness to Blacks: More closeness corresponds to higher values.

Endorsement of negative stereotypes: This is an index of respondents' responses to the four negative stereotypes questions: hardworking, intelligence, nonviolence, and contributes to positive image. Endorsing negative stereotypes correspond to higher values.

Linked fate: Higher linked fate corresponds to higher values.

Perceptions of discrimination: Believing there to be more discrimination corresponds to higher values.

Respectability: Endorsing respectability politics corresponds to higher values.

Sagging pants: Supporting the sagging pants corresponds to higher values.

Houston dress code: Supporting the dress code corresponds to higher values.

Opposition to Black Lives Matter: Opposing Black Lives Matter corresponds to higher values.

Supporting the Three Strikes Law: Supporting the Three Strikes Law corresponds to higher values.

Supporting harsher drug law: Supporting harsher drug laws corresponds to higher values.

Justified policing shootings: Believing more police shootings are justified corresponds to higher values.

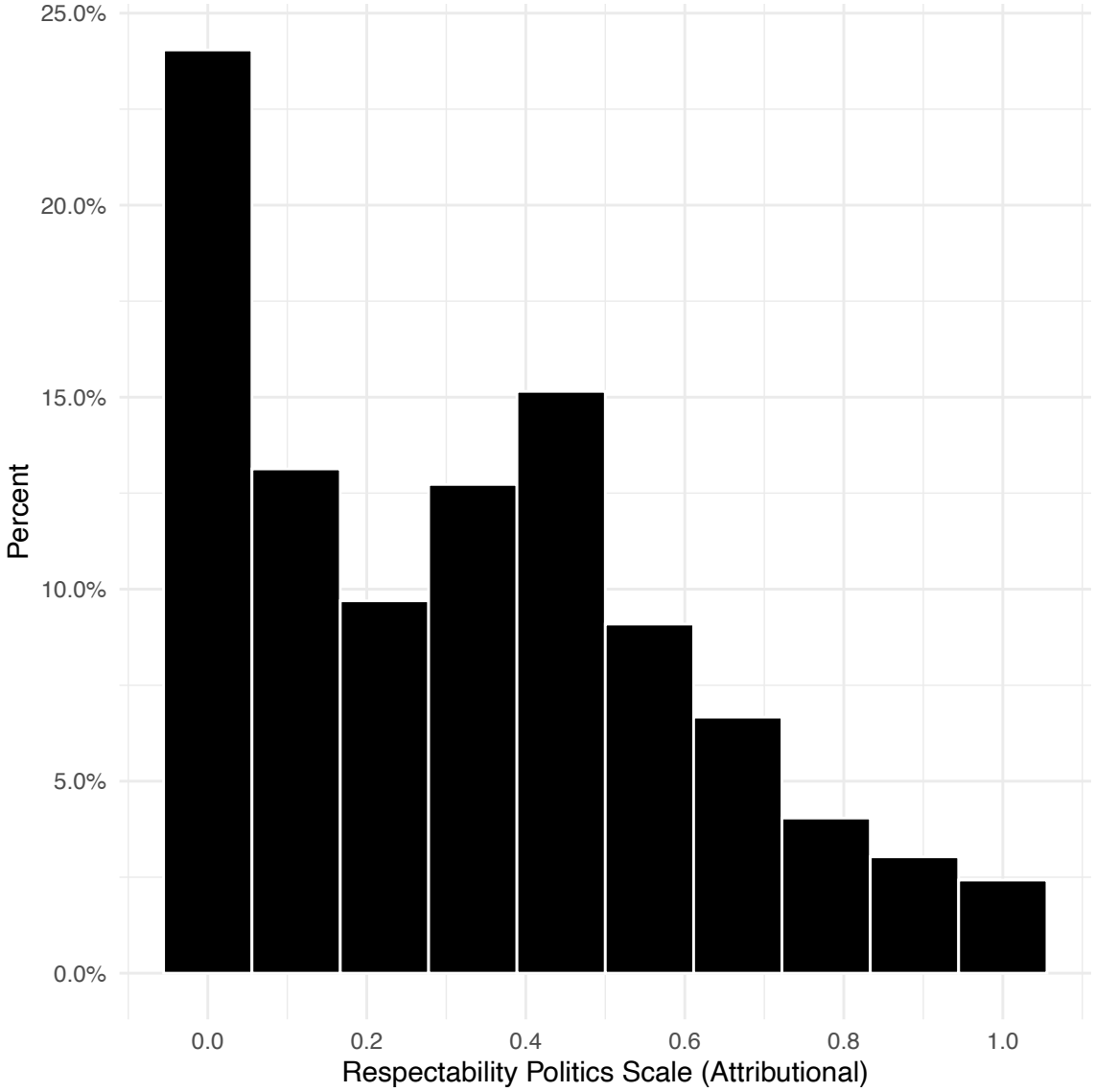
Supporting decreasing welfare spending: Supporting decreasing welfare spending corresponds to higher values.

Believing work requirements are important: Believing work requirements are important corresponds to higher values.

Supporting jailing parents of truants: Supporting jailing parents of truants corresponds to higher values.

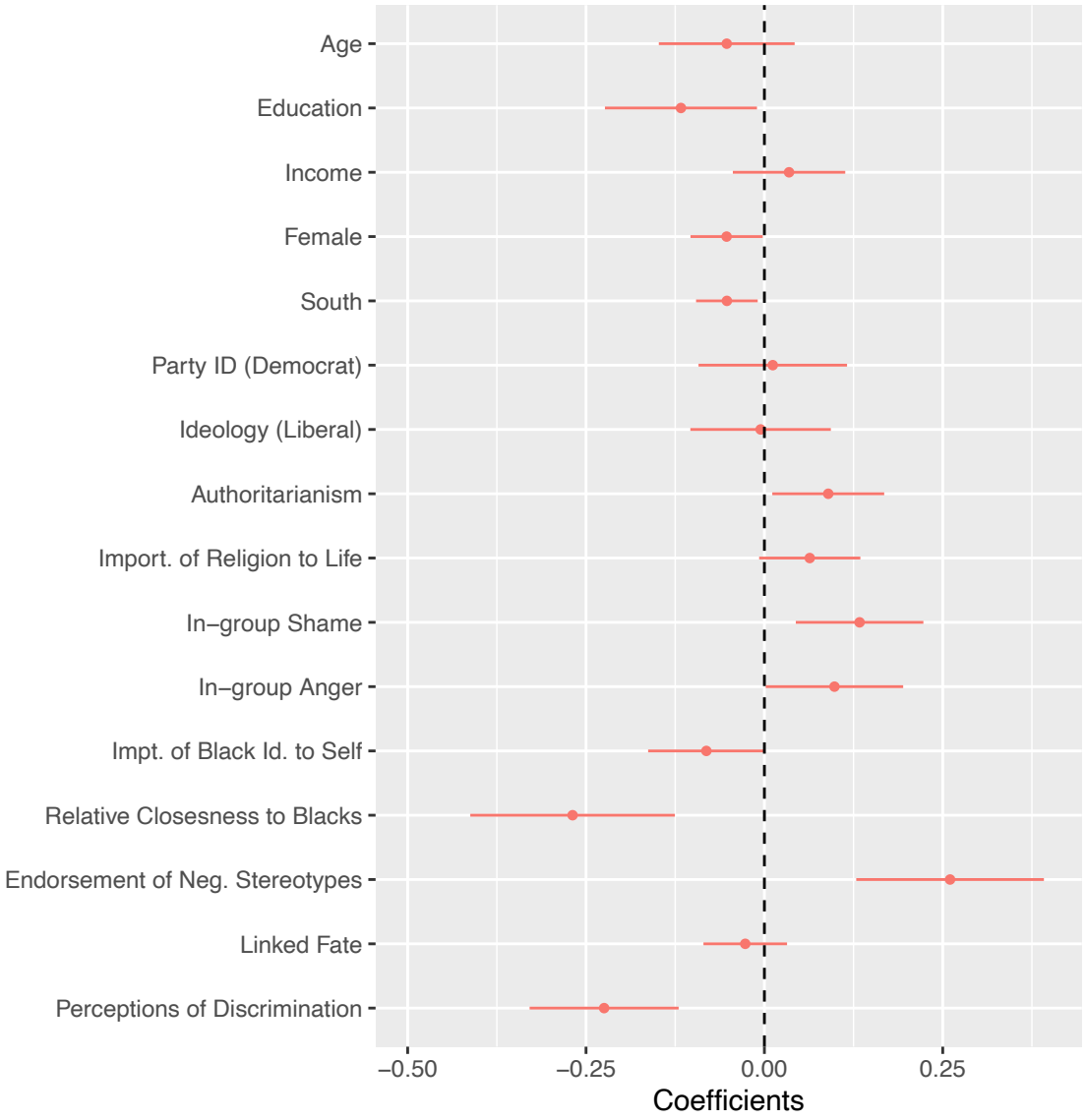
Appendix C: Examining the Two Dimensions of the Respectability Politics Scale

Figure C1. Distribution of the Attributional Dimension of Respectability



Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Figure C2: Predictors of Scores on Attributional Dimension of Respectability



Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

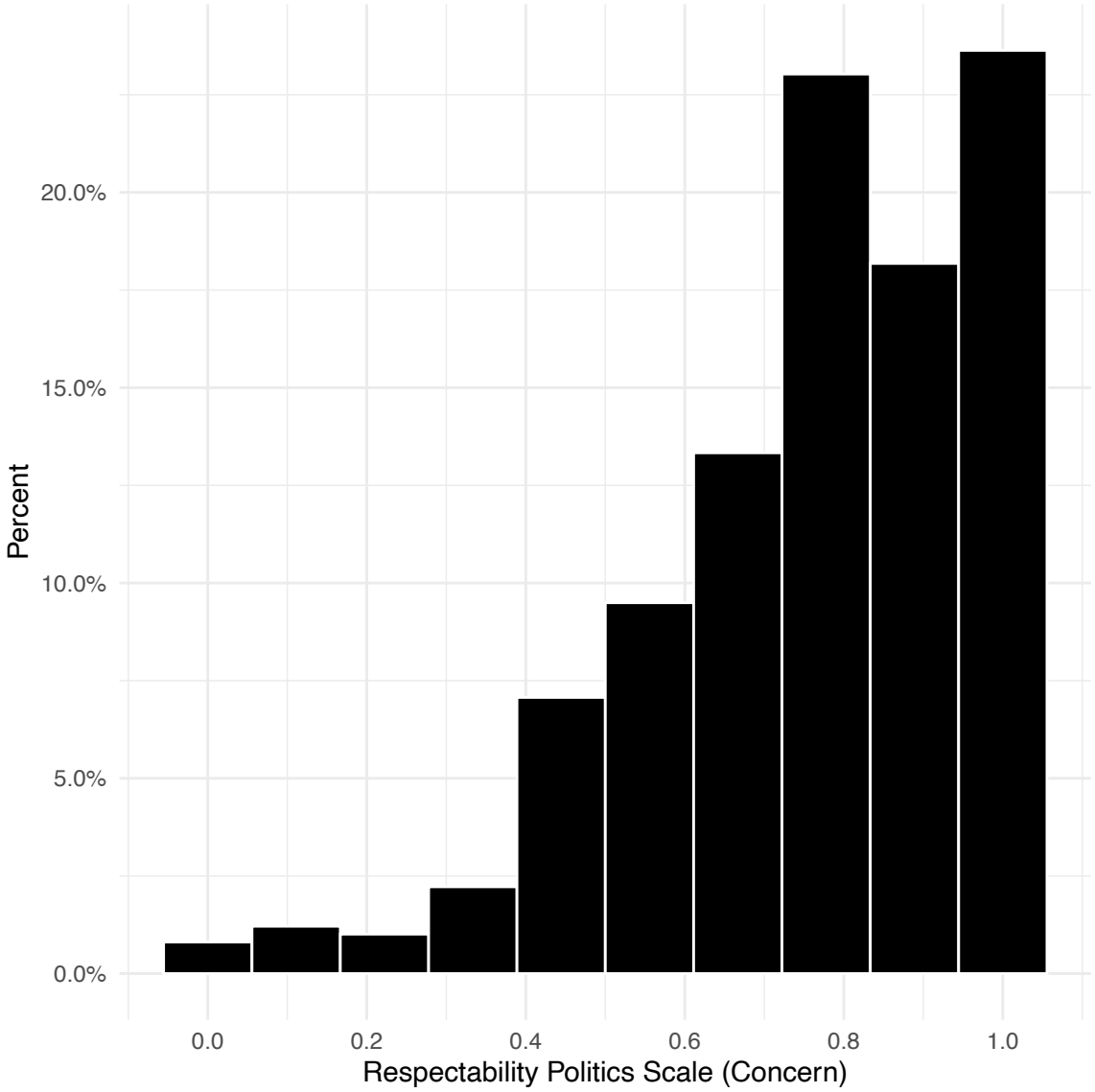
Table C1: Predictors of Scores on Attributional Dimension of Respectability

	Respectability Politics Scale (Attribution)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Age	−0.072 (0.052)		−0.053 (0.048)
Education	−0.202*** (0.059)		−0.117* (0.054)
Income	−0.022 (0.046)		0.035 (0.040)
Female	−0.101*** (0.029)		−0.053* (0.026)
Residence in the South	−0.043 (0.025)		−0.053* (0.022)
Party ID (Democrat)	−0.078 (0.061)		0.012 (0.053)
Ideology (Liberal)	−0.091 (0.053)		−0.005 (0.050)
Authoritarianism		0.101** (0.039)	0.090* (0.040)
Impt. of Religion to Life		0.033 (0.034)	0.064 (0.036)
In-group Shame		0.135** (0.046)	0.133** (0.045)
In-group Anger		0.106* (0.050)	0.098* (0.049)
Imp. of Black Id. to Self		−0.081 (0.044)	−0.081* (0.041)
Relative Closeness to Blacks		−0.265*** (0.073)	−0.269*** (0.073)
Endorsement of Neg. Stereotypes		0.297*** (0.064)	0.260*** (0.067)
Linked Fate		−0.027 (0.030)	−0.027 (0.030)
Perceptions of Discrimination		−0.240*** (0.052)	−0.225*** (0.053)
Constant	0.528*** (0.069)	0.409*** (0.059)	0.421*** (0.079)
N	493	495	493
R^2	0.083	0.291	0.315
Adjusted R^2	0.070	0.278	0.291
Residual Std. Error	0.269 (df = 485)	0.237 (df = 485)	0.235 (df = 476)
F Statistic	6.275*** (df = 7; 485)	22.166*** (df = 9; 485)	13.651*** (df = 16; 476)

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

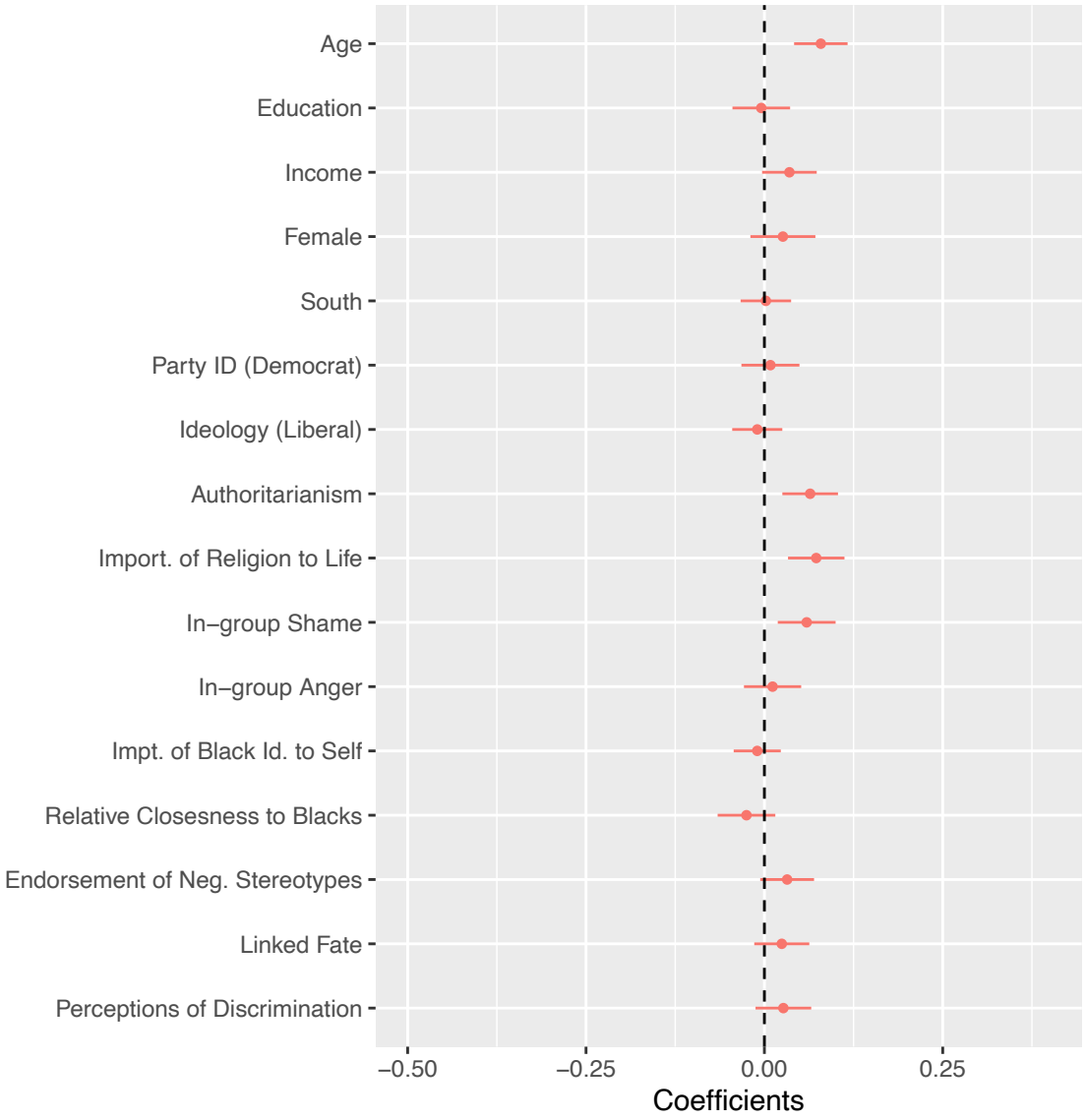
Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Figure C3: Distribution of the Concern Dimension of Respectability



Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Figure C4: Predictors of Scores on Concern Dimension of Respectability



Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

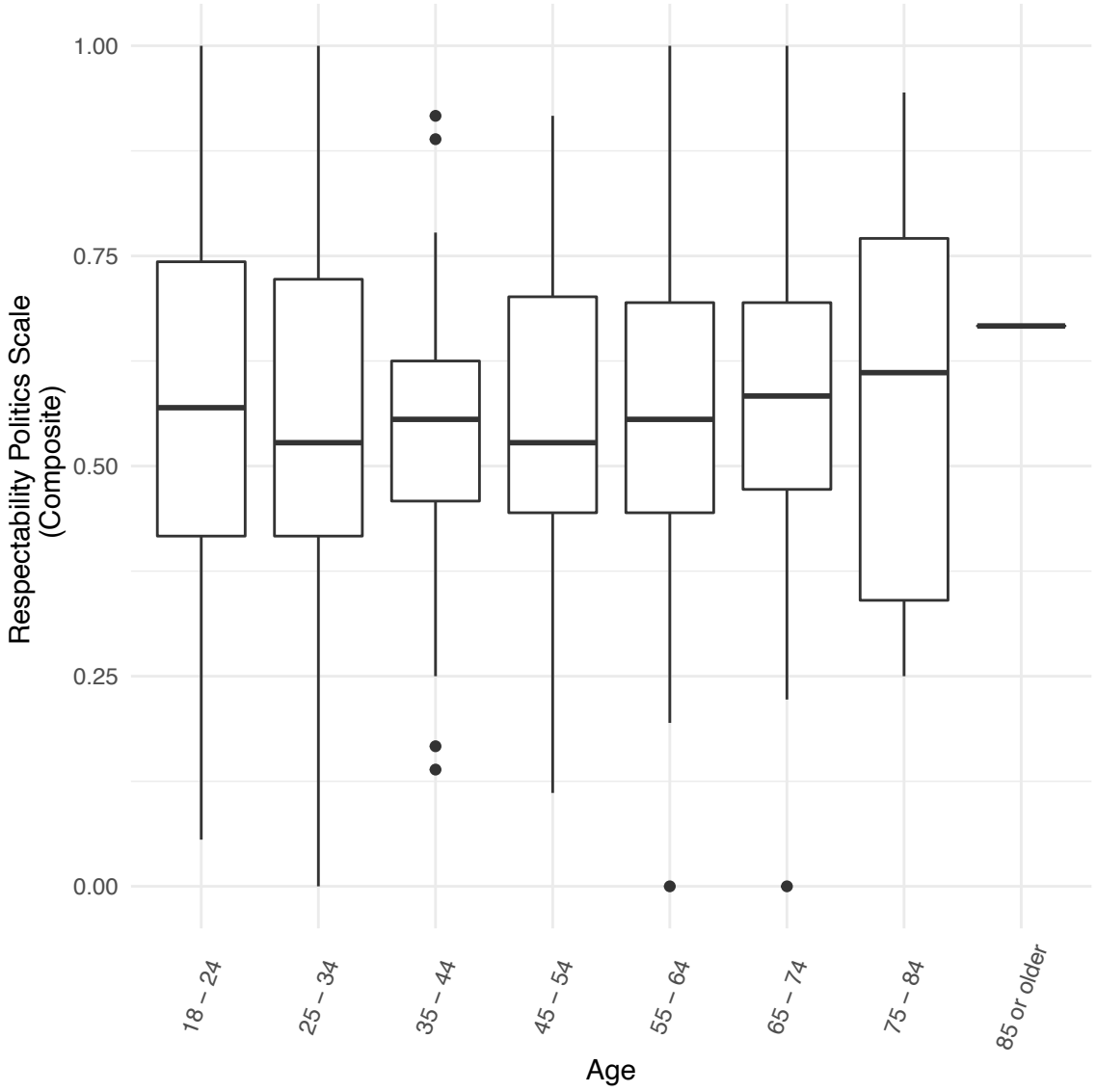
Table C2: Predictors of Scores on Concern Dimension of Respectability

	Respectability Politics Scale (Concern)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Age	0.184*** (0.040)		0.156*** (0.038)
Education	−0.054 (0.047)		−0.009 (0.044)
Income	0.049 (0.033)		0.060 (0.033)
Female	0.025 (0.024)		0.026 (0.023)
Residence in the South	0.028 (0.018)		0.002 (0.018)
Party ID (Democrat)	0.021 (0.039)		0.018 (0.043)
Ideology (Liberal)			−0.019 (0.034)
Authoritarianism		0.104** (0.033)	0.106** (0.033)
Impt. of Religion to Life		0.142*** (0.031)	0.112*** (0.031)
In-group Shame		0.077* (0.034)	0.095** (0.033)
In-group Anger		0.030 (0.038)	0.020 (0.036)
Imp. of Black Id. to Self		−0.026 (0.030)	−0.018 (0.030)
Relative Closeness to Blacks		−0.068 (0.062)	−0.075 (0.061)
Endorsement of Neg. Stereotypes		0.030 (0.046)	0.081 (0.048)
Linked Fate		0.029 (0.024)	0.030 (0.024)
Perceptions of Discrimination		0.073 (0.045)	0.060 (0.045)
Constant	0.612*** (0.051)	0.522*** (0.052)	0.407*** (0.073)
N	493	495	493
R^2	0.061	0.138	0.185
Adjusted R^2	0.049	0.122	0.157
Residual Std. Error	0.202 (df = 486)	0.193 (df = 485)	0.190 (df = 476)
F Statistic	5.240*** (df = 6; 486)	8.652*** (df = 9; 485)	6.731*** (df = 16; 476)

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

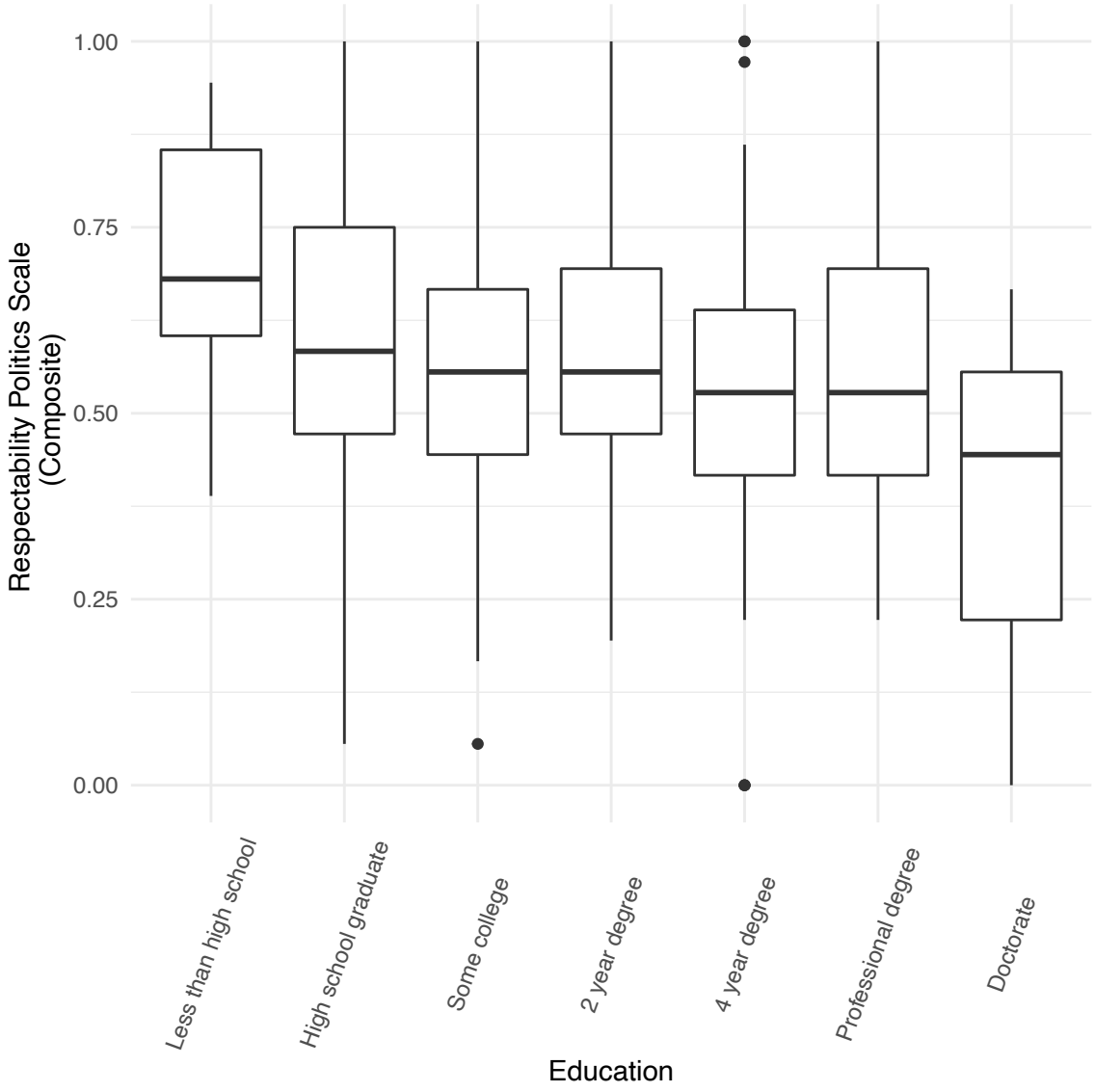
Appendix D: Distribution of the Respectability Politics Scale by Various Subgroups

Figure D1: Distribution of the Respectability Politics Scale by Age



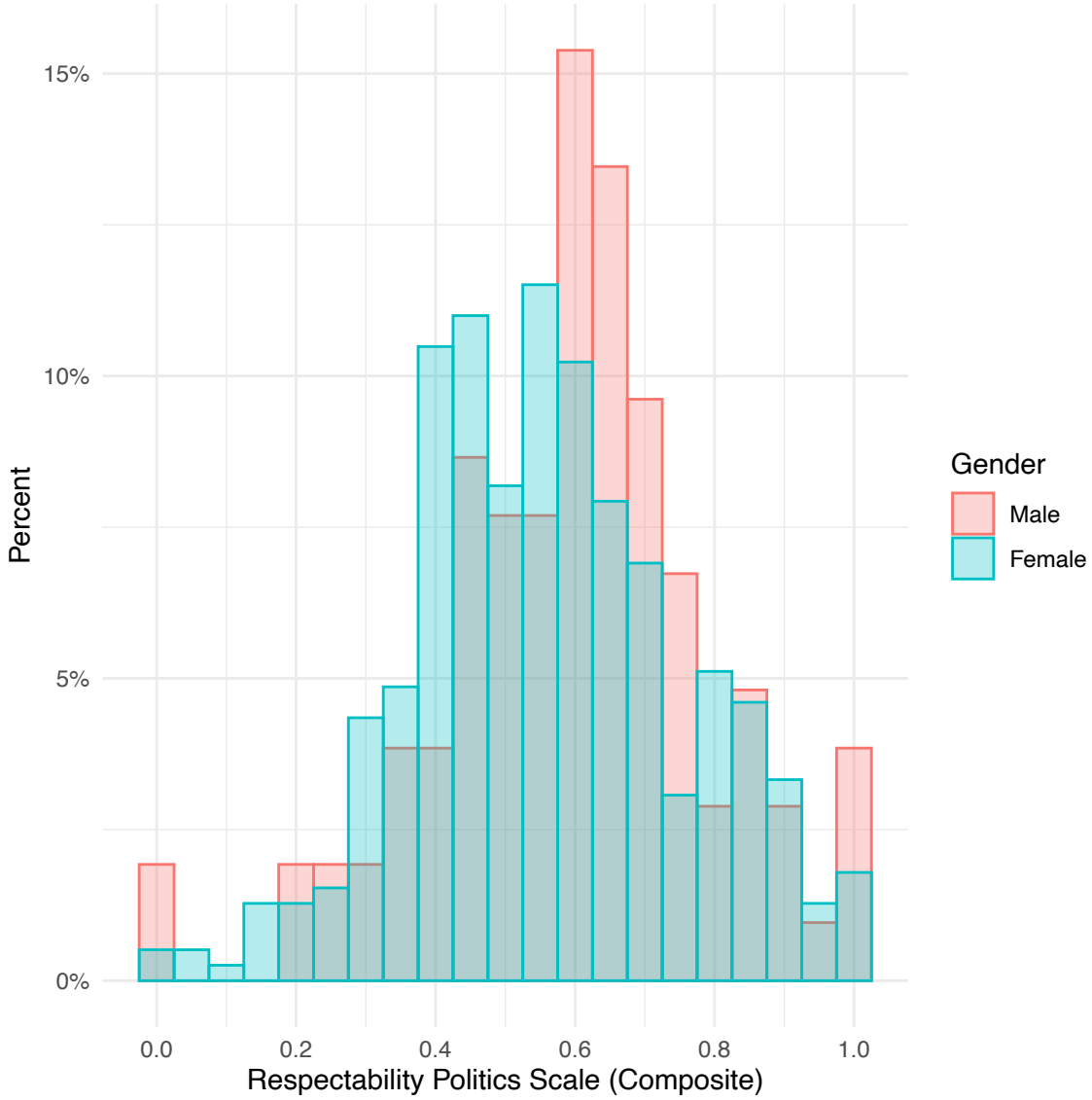
Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Figure D2: Distribution of the Respectability Politics Scale by Education



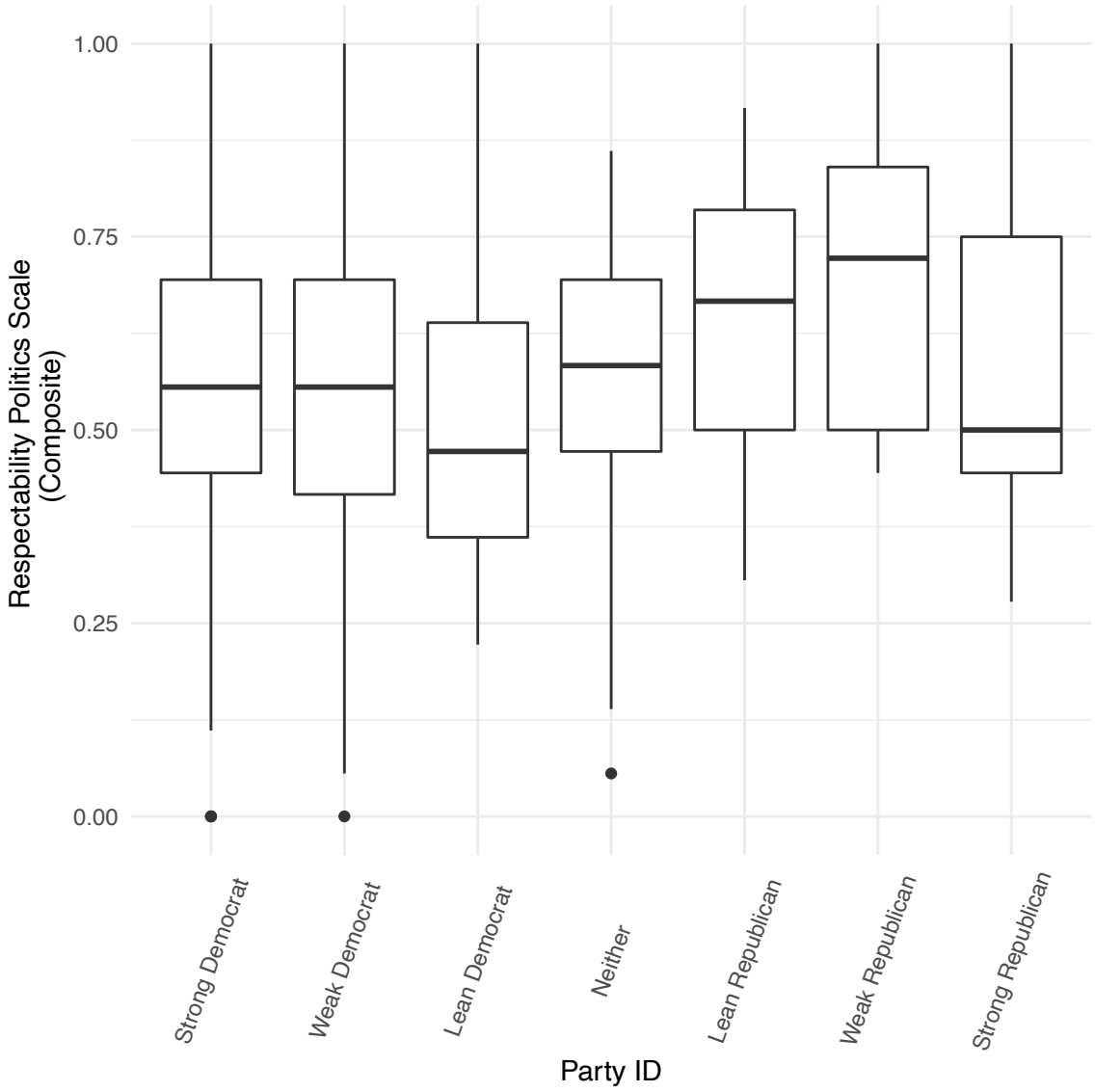
Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Figure D3: Distribution of the Respectability Politics Scale by Gender



Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Figure D4: Distribution of the Respectability Politics Scale by Party Identification



Note: April 2019 Qualtrics Panel Data

Appendix E: Respectability Politics Scale Correlation Table

Table E1: Respectability Politics Scale Correlation Table

	auth_index	r_religious_imp_n	shame	anger	idimpt_n	closeness_diff	stereotype	linked_fate_n	discblacks_n	rps_index	rps_attribution
auth_index											
r_religious_imp_n	0.31****										
shame	0.13**	0.09*									
anger	0.04	0.00	0.52****								
idimpt_n	0.04	0.12**	-0.04	-0.08							
closeness_diff	-0.03	0.01	-0.03	-0.12**	0.36****						
stereotype	0.10*	-0.03	0.11*	0.18****	-0.20****	-0.25****					
linked_fate_n	-0.11*	-0.13**	0.02	-0.01	0.14**	0.16***	-0.15**				
discblacks_n	0.02	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.25****	0.27****	-0.23****	0.19****			
rps_index	0.25****	0.19****	0.28****	0.24****	-0.18****	-0.26****	0.29****	-0.11*	-0.16***		
rps_attribution	0.17***	0.06	0.24****	0.24****	-0.24****	-0.32****	0.36****	-0.16***	-0.29****	0.86****	
rps_concern	0.24****	0.28****	0.19****	0.12**	-0.01	-0.06	0.05	0.01	0.09*	0.72****	0.26****

Appendix F: Regression Table for Manuscript Figure 2

Table F1: Who Embraces the Politics of Respectability?

	Respectability Politics Scale (Composite)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Age	0.054 (0.038)		0.052 (0.035)
Education	−0.126** (0.044)		−0.063 (0.039)
Income	0.012 (0.032)		0.047 (0.029)
Female	−0.039 (0.022)		−0.014 (0.019)
Residence in the South	−0.009 (0.017)		−0.025 (0.016)
Party ID (Democrat)	−0.018 (0.043)		0.015 (0.039)
Ideology (Liberal)	−0.075* (0.036)		−0.012 (0.034)
Authoritarianism		0.103*** (0.029)	0.098*** (0.030)
Impt. of Religion to Life		0.088*** (0.026)	0.088** (0.027)
In-group Shame		0.106*** (0.031)	0.114*** (0.031)
In-group Anger		0.068* (0.034)	0.059 (0.033)
Imp. of Black Id. to Self		−0.054 (0.028)	−0.050 (0.029)
Relative Closeness to Blacks		−0.166** (0.054)	−0.172** (0.054)
Endorsement of Neg. Stereotypes		0.163*** (0.045)	0.171*** (0.048)
Linked Fate		0.001 (0.021)	0.002 (0.021)
Perceptions of Discrimination		−0.083* (0.040)	−0.082* (0.040)
Constant	0.583*** (0.050)	0.465*** (0.045)	0.414*** (0.062)
N	493	495	493
R^2	0.044	0.253	0.271
Adjusted R^2	0.030	0.239	0.246
Residual Std. Error	0.191 (df = 485)	0.169 (df = 485)	0.169 (df = 476)
F Statistic	3.166** (df = 7; 485)	18.206*** (df = 9; 485)	11.059*** (df = 16; 476)

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

Appendix G: Regression Tables for Manuscript Figure 3

Table G1: Respectability and Punitive Attitudes Among Black Americans

	Sagging	Dress Code	BLM	Three strikes
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
RPS	0.316***	0.360***	0.037	0.398***
	(0.090)	(0.079)	(0.085)	(0.081)
Authoritarianism	0.083	0.009	0.085	−0.019
	(0.055)	(0.050)	(0.055)	(0.053)
Party ID (Democrat)	0.065	−0.035	−0.100	−0.052
	(0.078)	(0.065)	(0.064)	(0.064)
Linked Fate	−0.106**	−0.003	−0.033	−0.081*
	(0.040)	(0.036)	(0.038)	(0.037)
Constant	0.293**	0.377***	0.476***	0.437***
	(0.112)	(0.101)	(0.102)	(0.109)
N	493	493	493	493
R^2	0.122	0.109	0.125	0.111
Adjusted R^2	0.104	0.090	0.107	0.093
Residual Std. Error (df = 482)	0.346	0.315	0.338	0.322

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

Table G2: Respectability and Punitive Attitudes Among Black Americans (Cont'd)

	Drug laws	Death penalty	Police shooting
	(1)	(2)	(3)
RPS	0.233**	0.173*	0.197**
	(0.080)	(0.084)	(0.063)
Authoritarianism	0.137**	−0.037	0.030
	(0.048)	(0.053)	(0.036)
Party ID (Democrat)	−0.112	−0.030	−0.106
	(0.061)	(0.067)	(0.055)
Linked Fate	−0.056	−0.106**	−0.020
	(0.037)	(0.037)	(0.027)
Constant	0.361***	0.651***	0.273**
	(0.097)	(0.101)	(0.083)
N	493	493	493
R^2	0.128	0.055	0.089
Adjusted R^2	0.110	0.036	0.070
Residual Std. Error (df = 482)	0.304	0.331	0.233

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

Table G3: Respectability and Punitive Attitudes Among Black Americans (Cont'd)

	Welfare spending	Welfare work req.	Truancy
	(1)	(2)	(3)
RPS	−0.003	0.321***	0.234**
	(0.068)	(0.074)	(0.079)
Authoritarianism	−0.050	−0.011	−0.074
	(0.041)	(0.050)	(0.046)
Party ID (Democrat)	−0.189***	−0.070	0.062
	(0.057)	(0.063)	(0.063)
Linked Fate	−0.077*	0.016	−0.019
	(0.030)	(0.036)	(0.035)
Constant	0.616***	0.489***	0.417***
	(0.084)	(0.097)	(0.099)
N	493	493	493
R^2	0.109	0.065	0.043
Adjusted R^2	0.091	0.046	0.023
Residual Std. Error (df = 482)	0.259	0.315	0.301

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

Appendix H: Regression Tables for Manuscript Figure 4

Table H1: Respectability and Reactions to Real-World Scenario 1

	How bothered	Impt. to change behavior	Approp. to say something
	(1)	(2)	(3)
RPS	0.565***	0.478***	0.512***
	(0.074)	(0.077)	(0.076)
Linked Fate	0.077	0.106*	0.067
	(0.050)	(0.051)	(0.052)
Racial Identity Importance	0.141*	0.210***	0.089
	(0.057)	(0.058)	(0.058)
Age	0.157**	0.051	−0.017
	(0.059)	(0.068)	(0.067)
Education	0.068	0.138	0.001
	(0.081)	(0.074)	(0.078)
Income	0.109	0.044	0.050
	(0.066)	(0.063)	(0.067)
Female	0.110***	0.058	0.027
	(0.031)	(0.033)	(0.033)
N	395	395	395
R^2	0.222	0.173	0.131
Adjusted R^2	0.208	0.158	0.115
Residual Std. Error (df = 387)	0.293	0.303	0.306

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

Table H2: Respectability and Reactions to Real-World Scenario 2

	How bothered	Impt. to change behavior	Approp. to say something
	(1)	(2)	(3)
RPS	0.607***	0.536***	0.276***
	(0.065)	(0.068)	(0.075)
Linked Fate	0.015	−0.035	−0.036
	(0.055)	(0.054)	(0.049)
Racial Identity Importance	0.199***	0.276***	0.105
	(0.057)	(0.058)	(0.056)
Age	0.044	−0.014	0.045
	(0.066)	(0.069)	(0.067)
Education	−0.043	0.015	0.003
	(0.076)	(0.075)	(0.073)
Income	0.044	0.022	0.055
	(0.061)	(0.062)	(0.063)
Female	0.052	0.023	0.001
	(0.033)	(0.033)	(0.031)
N	394	394	394
R^2	0.197	0.193	0.058
Adjusted R^2	0.182	0.178	0.041
Residual Std. Error (df = 386)	0.306	0.302	0.296

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001

Table H3: Respectability and Reactions to Real-World Scenario 3

	How bothered	Impt. to change behavior	Approp. to say something
	(1)	(2)	(3)
RPS	0.656***	0.608***	0.561***
	(0.067)	(0.072)	(0.071)
Linked Fate	−0.071	−0.014	0.045
	(0.054)	(0.050)	(0.050)
Racial Identity Importance	0.088	0.156**	0.124*
	(0.059)	(0.053)	(0.056)
Age	0.179**	0.168**	0.013
	(0.066)	(0.064)	(0.062)
Education	0.097	0.150*	0.012
	(0.072)	(0.071)	(0.073)
Income	0.153*	0.039	−0.012
	(0.062)	(0.064)	(0.067)
Female	0.065*	0.028	−0.027
	(0.033)	(0.032)	(0.032)
N	395	395	394
R^2	0.238	0.225	0.161
Adjusted R^2	0.224	0.211	0.146
Residual Std. Error	0.305 (df = 387)	0.295 (df = 387)	0.298 (df = 386)

*p < .05; **p < .01; ***p < .001