

# Black Youth Project

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## FACTSHEET: RACIAL ATTITUDES

Black Youth Project researchers surveyed 1,590 Black, White and Hispanic young people between the ages of 15 and 25 about their attitudes regarding their own racial group and the treatment of young Black people. Responses were broken down by race/ethnicity, sex, and age.

Key findings include the following:

- The majority of Black youth believe that it is hard for young Black people to get ahead because they face so much discrimination.
- The majority of Black youth believe that Black youth receive a poorer education than Whites.
- An overwhelming majority of all youth believe that the police discriminate *much more* against Black youth.
- Yet, the majority of Hispanic youth and the near majority of Black youth believe that they have rarely or never been discriminated against because of their race.
- Most young people believe that racism will not be eliminated during their lifetime.

### The Treatment of Young Black People

- More than 60% of Black youth agree with the statement that “it is hard for young Black people to get ahead because they face so much discrimination.” The percentage of youth who agree with this statement are:
  - 61% of Black youth
  - 45% of Hispanic youth
  - 43% of White youth
- Twenty-three percent more Black youth than Whites believe that Black youth receive a poorer education on average than White youth. The percentage of youth who believe this are:
  - 54% of Black youth
  - 40% of Hispanic youth
  - 31% of White youth
- The overwhelming majority of all youth believe that on average, the police discriminate *much more* against Black youth than they do against White youth. The percentage of youth who believe this are:
  - 79% of Black youth
  - 73% of Hispanic youth
  - 63% of White youth

- While less than 20% of Black youth state that they were *very often or often* discriminated against because of their race, 48% of Black youth report that they were discriminated against *rarely or never* because of their race.

The percentage of youth who stated that they were discriminated against because of their race *very often or often* are:

- 19% of Black youth
- 8% of Hispanic youth
- 5% of White youth

The percentage of youth who stated that they were discriminated against because of their race *rarely or never* are:

- 49% of Black youth
  - 68% of Hispanic youth
  - 83% of White youth
- Less than a majority of all young people believe that other racial groups view people of *their* race in a positive manner. The percentage of young people who believe this are:
    - 41% of Black youth
    - 46% of Hispanic youth
    - 39% of White youth

## **A Future without Racism**

- Very few young people believe that racism will be eliminated during their lifetime.

The percentage of youth who believe that it is *very likely* that racism will be eliminated during their lifetime are:

- 11% of Black youth
- 12% of Hispanic youth
- 4% of White youth

The percentage of youth who believe that racism will *not* be eliminated during their lifetime are:

- 42% of Black youth
- 43% of Hispanic youth
- 33% of White youth