CHIS 2009 Adult Questionnaire, Version 1.3
Discrimination Module - Version A*
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* Note: In Version A of the Discrimination Module, the discrimination questions are first asked without reference to race/ethnicity; the reference to race/ethnicity is then asked after all the items are asked. In Version B, the reference to race/ethnicity is appended to each item.
Section DM – Discrimination Module

PROGRAMMING NOTE QA07_DMAINTR1:
IF CASE NOT SELECTED, SKIP TO NEXT SECTION;

QA07_DMINTRO

These next questions are about things that may happen to you in your day-to-day life. The questions ask about times and places where you were treated unfairly. Again, you don’t have to answer any of these that you don’t want to. All of the information you tell us will be kept private, and your answers will be used only for this survey.

PROGRAMMING NOTE QA07_DMB1:
ASK ITEMS QA07_DMB2 TO QA07_DMB8 IN RANDOM ORDER

QA07_DMB1  In the past 12 months, how often have you been treated with less respect than other people? Would you say...

DMB1

Never........................................................................................... 1
Rarely.......................................................................................... 2
Sometimes .................................................................................. 3
Often? ......................................................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW............................................................................... -7
REFUSED.................................................................................. -8

QA07_DMB2  In the past 12 months, how often have you been treated unfairly at restaurants or stores? Would you say...

DMB2

Never........................................................................................... 1
Rarely.......................................................................................... 2
Sometimes .................................................................................. 3
Often? ......................................................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW............................................................................... -7
REFUSED.................................................................................. -8

QA07_DMB3  In the past 12 months, how often have people criticized your accent or the way you speak? Would you say...

DMB3

Never........................................................................................... 1
Rarely.......................................................................................... 2
Sometimes .................................................................................. 3
Often? ......................................................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW............................................................................... -7
REFUSED.................................................................................. -8
...how often have people acted as if they think you are not smart?

DMB4

[IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:]

NEVER.................................................................1
RARELY..............................................................2
SOMETIMES .........................................................3
OFTEN.................................................................4
DON’T KNOW......................................................-7
REFUSED.............................................................-8

...how often have people acted as if they are afraid of you?

DMB5

[IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:]

NEVER.................................................................1
RARELY..............................................................2
SOMETIMES .........................................................3
OFTEN.................................................................4
DON’T KNOW......................................................-7
REFUSED.............................................................-8

...how often have people acted as if they think you are dishonest?

DMB6

[IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:]

NEVER.................................................................1
RARELY..............................................................2
SOMETIMES .........................................................3
OFTEN.................................................................4
DON’T KNOW......................................................-7
REFUSED.............................................................-8
[In the past 12 months,]

...how often have people acted as if they're better than you are?

**DMB7**

[IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:]

NEVER................................................................. 1  
RARELY.............................................................. 2  
SOMETIMES ....................................................... 3  
OFTEN................................................................. 4  
DON'T KNOW...................................................... -7  
REFUSED.............................................................. -8

[In the past 12 months,]

...how often have you been threatened or harassed?

**DMB8**

[IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:]

NEVER................................................................. 1  
RARELY.............................................................. 2  
SOMETIMES ....................................................... 3  
OFTEN................................................................. 4  
DON'T KNOW...................................................... -7  
REFUSED.............................................................. -8
QA07_DMB9A  Now, I’m going to ask you why you may have been treated unfairly.

1. In the past 12 months, were you treated unfairly because of your ancestry or national origin? [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

2. In the past 12 months, were you treated unfairly because of your gender or sex? [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

3. [In the past 12 months, were you treated unfairly]..Because of your race or skin color? [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

4. [In the past 12 months, were you treated unfairly]..Because of your age? [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

5. [In the past 12 months, were you treated unfairly]..Because of the way you speak English? [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

6. [In the past 12 months, were you treated unfairly]...Because of some other reason? [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

QA07_DMB9A_OV  [If YES TO “some other reason”, ASK:]

What was that reason?

OTHER (SPECIFY) ____________________

PRECODES
  - INCOME
  - EDUCATION
  - HEIGHT OR WEIGHT
  - RELIGION
  - SEXUAL ORIENTATION
  - OTHER:_________________________________________
The document contains a series of questions related to discrimination experiences. Here is a natural text representation:

**QA07_DMB9B**
Which of these do you think is the main reason why you were treated unfairly? Was it because of...

[IF NEEDED, “In the past 12 months…”]

{Your ancestry or national origin} ................................................ 1
{{or because of} Your gender or sex} .......................................... 2
{{or because of } Your race or skin color} ................................... 3
{{or because of } Your age} ......................................................... 4
{{or because of } The way you speak English} ........................... 5
{or because of } Some other reason (Specified):{__________} . 6
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED .................................................................................. -8

**QA07_DMB10**
In the past 12 months, how stressful have these experiences of unfair treatment usually been for you? Would you say...

Not at all stressful ....................................................................... 1
A little stressful ................................................................. 2
Somewhat stressful ............................................................ 3
Extremely stressful ................................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED .................................................................................. -8

**QA07_DMC1**
Now, think about your entire lifetime.
Over your entire lifetime, how often have you been treated unfairly at school? Would you say...

Never ........................................................................................... 1
Rarely .......................................................................................... 2
Sometimes .................................................................................. 3
Often .......................................................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED .................................................................................. -8

**QA07_DMC2**
Over your entire lifetime, how often have you been treated unfairly at work? Would you say...

Never ........................................................................................... 1
Rarely .......................................................................................... 2
Sometimes .................................................................................. 3
Often .......................................................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED .................................................................................. -8
...how often have you been treated unfairly when getting medical care?

**DMC3**

**IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:**

NEVER................................................................. 1
RARELY.............................................................. 2
SOMETIMES ....................................................... 3
OF TEN................................................................. 4
DON’T KNOW ..................................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................................ -8

...how often have you been treated unfairly by the police and the courts?

**DMC4**

**IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:**

NEVER................................................................. 1
RARELY.............................................................. 2
SOMETIMES ....................................................... 3
OF TEN................................................................. 4
DON’T KNOW ..................................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................................ -8

...how often have you been treated unfairly in other situations?

**DMC5**

**IF NEEDED, READ “Would you say…” AND THE RESPONSES CATEGORIES:**

NEVER................................................................. 1
RARELY.............................................................. 2
SOMETIMES ....................................................... 3
OF TEN................................................................. 4
DON’T KNOW ..................................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................................ -8
QA07_DMC5_OV And where did that happen?

DMC5_OV

OTHER (SPECIFY): ____________________

PRECODES

- RESTAURANTS/STORES
- WORK
- ON THE STREET OR IN A PUBLIC SETTING
- SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
- POLICE/COURTS
- OTHER: ____________________

QA07_DMC6A Now, I’m going to ask you why you may have been treated unfairly.

DMC6A

1. Over your entire lifetime, were you treated unfairly because of your ancestry or national origin
2. Over your entire lifetime, were you treated unfairly because of your gender or sex
3. [Over your entire lifetime, were you treated unfairly] …Because of your race or skin color
4. [Over your entire lifetime, were you treated unfairly] …Because of your age
5. [Over your entire lifetime, were you treated unfairly] …Because of the way you speak English
6. [Over your entire lifetime, were you treated unfairly] …Because of some other reason

QA07_DMC6A_OV

DMC6A_OV

What was that reason?

OTHER (SPECIFY) ____________________ ..........................

PROGRAMMING NOTE QA07_DMC6A_OV-a:
IF QA07_DMC6A_6 (YES TO SOME OTHER REASON), THEN CONTINUE WITH QA07_DMC6A_OV; ELSE SKIP TO PN QA07_DMC6B-a;
PROGRAMMING NOTE QA07_DMC6B-a:
IF MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE IN QA07_DMC6A, CONTINUE WITH QA07_DMC6B AND ONLY DISPLAY “YES” RESPONSES AS CATEGORIES.
ELSE SKIP TO QA07_DMC7;

QA07_DMC6B Which of these do you think is the main reason why you were treated unfairly, over your entire lifetime? Was it because of...

DMC6B

{Your ancestry or national origin} ................................................ 1
{{or because of} Your gender or sex} .......................................... 2
{{or because of} Your race or skin color} .................................... 3
{{or because of} Your age}.......................................................... 4
{{or because of} The way you speak English} ............................ 5
{or because of} OTHER REASON (Specified):{___________} .. 6
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED.................................................................................. -8

QA07_DMC7 Over your entire lifetime, how stressful have these experiences of unfair treatment usually been for you? Would you say...

DMC7

Not at all stressful, ................................................................. 1
A little stressful, .................................................................... 2
Somewhat stressful, or .......................................................... 3
Extremely stressful............................................................... 4
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED.................................................................................. -8

QA07_DMDINTRO

DMDINTRO

The next questions ask about how you have usually responded when you were treated unfairly over your entire lifetime.

QA07_DMD1 Did you work harder to prove them wrong?

DMD1

[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ......................................................................................... 1
NO ......................................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED.................................................................................. -8
QA07_DMD2 Did you get angry or get into an argument or physical fight?

DMD2

[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ................................................................. 1
NO ......................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ..................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................-8

QA07_DMD3 Did you talk to someone about how you were feeling?

DMD3

[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ................................................................. 1
NO ......................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ..................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................-8

QA07_DMD4 Did you pray or meditate about the situation?

DMD4

[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ................................................................. 1
NO ......................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ..................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................-8

QA07_DMD5 Did you take drastic steps, such as filling a grievance or a lawsuit, quitting your job, moving away?

DMD5

[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ................................................................. 1
NO ......................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ..................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................-8

QA07_DMD6 Did you accept it as a fact of life?

DMD6

[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ................................................................. 1
NO ......................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ..................................................... -7
REFUSED ............................................................-8

QA07_DMD7 Did you do something else about it?
[IF NEEDED, SAY: “Over your entire lifetime, have you usually reacted that way when you were treated unfairly?”]

YES ............................................................................................. 1
NO ............................................................................................... 2
DON’T KNOW ............................................................................ -7
REFUSED .................................................................................. -8

PROGRAMMING NOTE QA07_DMD7_OV-a;
IF QA07_DMD7 = 1 (YES), THEN CONTINUE WITH QA07_DMD7_OV;
ELSE SKIP TO PN QA07_DMAINTR2-a;

QA07_DMD7_OV
And what was that?: __________________

DMD7_OV

PRECODES
❖ Talk to someone about how you were feeling
❖ Take drastic steps, such as filling a grievance or a lawsuit, quitting your job, moving away
❖ Work harder to prove them wrong
❖ Accept it as a fact of life
❖ Avoid/remove yourself from situation
❖ OTHER

QA07_DMAINTR2

Finally, I would like to ask about your background—that is, your race or ethnicity—to find out how you think of yourself.
PROGRAMMING NOTE QA07_DMA1_2-a:

IF QA07_A6 = 1 (LATINO/HISPANIC) AND [QA07_A8 = 1 (WHITE), 91 (OTHER) -7/-8 (REF/DK)]
   IF QA07_A5 = 1 OR -7 (MALE OR REFUSED), DISPLAY "Latino";
   IF QA07_A5 = 2 (FEMALE), DISPLAY "Latina";

IF QA07_A6 = 1 (LATINO/HISPANIC) AND [QA07_A8 =2 (BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN), 3 (ASIAN), 4
   (OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER), OR 6 (NATIVE HAWAIIAN)], DISPLAY “Multiracial”

ELSE IF QA07_A6 = 1 (LATINO/HISPANIC) AND QA07_A8 = 4 (AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE),
   DISPLAY "American Indian";

IF QA07_A6 = 2 (NOT LATINO/HISPANIC),
   AND IF QA07_A8 = 1 (WHITE), DISPLAY "White";
   AND IF QA07_A8 = 2 (BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN, DISPLAY "African American";
   AND IF QA07_A8 = 3 (ASIAN), DISPLAY "Asian";
   AND IF QA07_A8 = 4 (AMER INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE), DISPLAY "American Indian";
   AND IF QA07_A8 = 5 (OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER), DISPLAY "Pacific Islander";
   AND IF QA07_A8 = 6 (NATIVE HAWAIIAN), DISPLAY "Native Hawaiian";
   AND IF QA07_A8 IS MORE THAN ONE RACE (EXCLUDING NATIVE AMERICAN), DISPLAY “Multiracial”

QA07_DMA1_2  Do you think of yourself as {FILL FROM PREVIOUS RACE/ETHNICITY ITEMS}, or is there some
other term that you think better describes you?

DMA1_2

WHITE.................................................................1
LATINO.............................................................2
HISPANIC..........................................................3
BLACK .............................................................4
AFRICAN AMERICAN .........................................5
AMERICAN INDIAN.............................................6
ASIAN .............................................................7
NATIVE HAWAIIAN.................................8
PACIFIC ISLANDER.....................................9
MULTIRACIAL .............................................10
OTHER (SPECIFY):_________________...........91

PROGRAMMING NOTE DMRESRC1-a:
IF AT LEAST THREE RESPONSES TO DMB1-DMB8 OR DMC1-DMC5 = 3 (SOMETIMES) OR = 4 (OFTEN),
CONTINUE WITH DMRESRC1;
ELSE SKIP TO NEXT SECTION;

DMRESRC1  [IF THE RESPONDENT IS UPSET ABOUT DISCUSSION OF DISCRIMINATION, THEN ASK:]  

We have a toll-free hotline if you’d like to talk to someone about your experiences of unfair
 treatment. Would you like the toll-free number?

[IF YES: 800-784-2433]

[IF RESPONDENT ASKS ABOUT REPORTING DISCRIMINATION:]  

We have a toll-free number you can call to learn more about reporting acts of discrimination.

[IF YES: 866-442-2529]

NOTE: ADD SCREEN FOR INTERVIEWER TO DOCUMENT IF COUNSELING OR REPORTING
RESOURCES WERE REQUESTED/PROVIDED