

Introduction to Sociology
Fall 2004
Professor Lena
Practicum 5 Assignment

Please complete the attached sheet and turn it in on Wednesday. On a *separate* sheet(s), type your answers to the following questions, and turn these in on Monday. *Label your written assignment with your ID number only. Do **not** put your name on your assignment.* Your answers to these questions will be graded anonymously, and then the grade will be matched with your name to be entered into our files. Please answer each question completely and clearly.

1. Which “group” were you in during our Practicum experiment today (whites or “people of color”)? Briefly summarize your experience: how did you feel during the experiment? How did you feel about the other students in your group? How did you feel about the students not in your group? Did you feel any of the following emotions: anxiety, envy, anger, frustration, pride, or embarrassment?
2. Examine your answers to the first question and imagine that they are the answers of another student in the class. Explain exactly why you’d expect this student to defend or criticize the race-specific policy of Affirmative Action, based on particular aspects of their answer. Please define “race-specific policy” in your answer.
3. How *do* you feel about Affirmative Action? Did your reactions to the in-class exercise predict this opinion? If not, how can you reconcile the two opinions on race-based policies?