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Version A

| Column #1 |
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| “Don’t be such a sissy.” |
| “Well of course you have a bad relationship with your parents, you’re gay” |
| “You speak English well” |
| “America is a melting pot” |
| “I don’t see color” |
| “... I have black friends so...” |
| “Watch for Blacks when they come in, they normally shoplift.” |
| Asking a black student what “Black people think” about a situation |
| “That’s retarded” |
| “That’s so ghetto.” |

| Column #2 |
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| Feminine traits are undesirable. |
| You are not man enough. |
| Classism does not affect your future. |
| Your sexual orientation is your only defining feature. |
| Being gay is unacceptable. |
| Being gay is unnatural. |
| People with mental disabilities are less important, likable and competent. |
| There is no hope for you. |
| You don’t belong. |
| You will not succeed. |
| Your cultural background makes you unintelligent. |
| It doesn’t matter if you are impoverished. |
| Poor people should not be respected. |
| You must be lazy. |
| You are not deserving of high status. |
| Racism does not affect your future. |
| You look like a criminal. |
| You people are all the same |
| I see you as your skin color only. |
| People of your race are unintelligent. |
| Your culture is your only defining feature. |
| Your upbringing does not matter. |
| Your experience is not important. |
| You are not American. |
| Society knows what is right and you are wrong. |

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Version B

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| “You throw like a girl.” |
| “Where are you really from?” |
| Calling someone “trashy” or “classy” |
| “You are a credit to your race” |
| “Everyone can succeed if they try hard enough” |
| Mistaking a person of color for a service worker. |
| Helping boys with math more than girls. |
| “That’s so gay” |
| Assuming computer proficiency or access |
| Being gay is “just a phase” |

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