The Black Forgiveness Expectation: Predictors of Positive Perceptions of Black Forgiveness

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INTRODUCTION
o Societal expectations of black forgiveness for racial transgressions (Johnson & Fisher, 2019).
o Quickness to forgive can overshadow pain (Wedderburn & Carey, 2017).
o Predictors of positive perceptions of forgiveness.

METHODS
o Multiple Regression Design
o N = 281 (119 male and 162 female) undergraduate participants (54.1% White, 23.5% Hispanic, 3.2% Black, 4.3% Bi/Multiracial, 1.4 % Arab, 0.7% Native American, 0.4% Other)
o Predictors: Patriotism and Nationalism (α = .94), Racial Privilege (α = .91), Institutional Discrimination (α = .82), Blatant Racial Issues (Neville et al., 2000; α = .82), History Knowledge (α = .79), Religiosity (Worthington et al., 2012; α = .96), Political Outlook
o Outcomes: Perceptions of Black (Leach et al., 2011; α = .64) and White forgiveness (α = .60), and tendency to forgive (Brown, 2003; α = .63)

RESULTS & DISCUSSION
o Patriotism, nationalism, and colorblindness positively predicted endorsement of forgiveness.
o Correlational design
o Colorblindness may lead individuals to endorse Black forgiveness, potentially reinforcing racial oppression.

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Black Forgiveness

Model	b	SE	β	t	p
Political Outlook	.037	.044	.070	.846	.398
History Knowledge	.043	.061	.036	.705	.481
Patriotism/ Nationalism	.245	.058	.305	4.21	.000
Racial Privilege	.126	.053	.213	2.39	.017
Institutional Discrimination	.269	.059	.357	4.55	.000
Blatant Racial Issues	-.295	.061	-.392	-4.79	.000
Religiosity	-.004	.026	-.009	-.157	.875

Tendency to Forgive

Model	b	SE	β	t	p
Political Outlook	.020	.044	.040	.445	.657
History Knowledge	.059	.061	.053	.958	.339
Patriotism/ Nationalism	.263	.059	.356	4.48	.000
Racial Privilege	.038	.053	.069	.716	.475
Institutional Discrimination	.065	.059	.094	1.09	.273
Blatant Racial Issues	-.298	.062	-.431	-4.81	.000
Religiosity	.047	.026	.111	1.80	.072

White Forgiveness

Model	b	SE	β	t	p
Political Outlook	.035	.044	.072	.789	.431
History Knowledge	.167	.062	.152	2.71	.007
Patriotism/ Nationalism	.187	.059	.254	3.16	.002
Racial Privilege	.079	.054	.145	1.48	.140
Institutional Discrimination	.115	.060	.167	1.91	.056
Blatant Racial Issues	-.196	.063	-.284	-3.13	.002
Religiosity	-.045	.027	-.105	-1.68	.094

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