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Appendix A

First Participant Interview

Questions on Identity

Parents/Family/Home:
1. Explain how the topic of race is discussed in your family.
2. How are you shaping your identity or choosing how to racially identify yourself? In what specific ways? Does anyone try to influence your racial identity choice? Who?
3. Who or what was the biggest contributor(s) to your racial identity?
4. What racial identity choice do your parents encourage?
5. Do you feel accepted by your extended family? Explain.

Peers/Friendship/Dating:
1. How would you describe the racial identities of your friendship groups?
2. Do you have friends who are mixed? Describe how (if) you talk about being mixed race with each other.
3. What is the racial identity of your significant other?
4. Describe your experiences with dating.

School:
1. Describe the first time you recall realizing in school that you are racially different from others.
   Probe(s):
   1a. How do people react to you in terms of racial identity? What do they assume about your racial identity? What sorts of things do they say?
2. What messages do or did you receive about your race from school? Teachers? Principal? Other staff? Peers?
3. Tell me a story that captures what it means to be mixed race to you.
   Probe(s):
   3a. Share with me an example of a time at school when you felt you received a positive message about multiraciality.
   3b. Share with me an example of a time at school when you felt you received a negative message about multiraciality.