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#### **ABSTRACT**

Cultural Adaptation is the process by which a dominant culture group interacts among non-dominant culture groups in society and groups' behaviors change as a result. This process often results in inter-cultural stress, but also results in positive inter-cultural adaptation. Historical and current literature are reviewed theoretically in which this process is situated in terms of Eriksonian psychosocial development. This paper describes the Cultural Adaptation Development Inventory (CADI) measure and three studies which use data from the CADI: an attempt to create a multilevel model using CADI and GPA of an American data set, an exploratory factor analysis study of a Spanish data set, and a Rasch modeling study of both groups. Implications for understanding cultural adaptation and university learning are discussed.

INDEX WORDS: cultural adaptation, multilevel modeling, factor analysis, Rasch modeling, university learning

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#### CHAPTER 1

### IDENTITY AND CULTURAL ADAPTATION

Erik Erikson proposed the psychosocial theory of development which governs the development of identity across the lifespan. It involves people experiencing several challenges during their lives which result in goal mastery. Sometimes these challenges are referred to as developmental crises. Through the resolution of these crises, people learn to master important goals resulting in identity maturation (Erikson, 1968). It is particularly interesting to see these changes happen in different contexts within cultures.

This study will review literature related to three important concepts: Erikson's psychosocial theory of identity development, cultural adaptation, and university learning. It will then describe the Cultural Adaptation Development Inventory (CADI) measure which attempts to ascertain a person's cultural adaptation while learning at university and was recently used to collect data from university students. It will be argued that the data show identity development in process. Data were collected in several locations in the US as well as two universities in Spain. Three studies were conducted with the data. The first was an attempt to create a multilevel model with CADI as an input, an exploratory factor analysis with the Spanish data. This was compared to the US data, which also resulted in a four-factor model with significant similarities and differences. Lastly, a Rasch model was conducted in order to assess the latent unidimensionality within the multi-factor model.

In short, data from both countries show identity development in process, and while this is does not necessarily look like a developmental *crisis* in terms of the popular definition connoting imminent catastrophe, but data do show different ways in which these students are developing and learning about themselves. Lastly, implications are discussed regarding the extent to which we are able to quantify cultural adaptation and identity development in an early adulthood educational context.

## **Identity**

Identity is a broad concept governing people's general sense of themselves. It includes "...all their beliefs, emotions, values, commitments, and attitudes. Identity integrates all the different aspects and roles of the self...occupation, gender roles, politics, and religion." (Woolfolk 2015, p. 94) In Erikson's (1970) own words, identity is

"...a subjective sense as well as an observable quality of personal sameness and continuity, paired with some belief in the sameness and continuity of some shared world image. As a quality of unself-conscious living, this can be gloriously obvious in a young person who has found himself as he has found his communality. In him we see emerge a unique unification of what is irreversibly given--that is, body type and temperament, giftedness and vulnerability, infantile models and acquired ideals..." (Erikson, 1970, p. 20)

This also involves self-concept, how a person sees themselves, and self-worth, or their overall judgement of themselves (Wigfield, Byrnes & Eccels, 2006). These words are not necessarily used consistently throughout psychological literature (Roeser, Peck & Nasir, 2006), but are important aspects of identity, as a person may see themselves as very good at interpreting art, for example, but not see that skill as very important. This

person would be seen to have a high self-concept but low self-worth in regards to art interpretation.

This is part of Erikson's foundational theory of identity development, now known as his psychosocial theory, which helps account for human beings' search for the answer to the question "Who am I?" and conception of the self. Development of the self is an emergent process, conceived as passage through several interdependent stages with particular goals such as trust, autonomy, initiative, intimacy and generativity (Woolfolk, 2015). These stages, according to Erikson, are typified as encounters with difficulties at particular points in life. For example, during the ages of three to six, many children will be encountering a developmental stage called *initiative versus guilt* (Lefton, 1994). During this stage, autonomy, a concept which the child encountered earlier, increases in terms of the number and complexity of tasks as well as enlarging the proximity of these tasks. For example, a child can now be expected to move around the house without assistance, dress themselves in sequence, and decide what they would like to do during free time. This "...adds to autonomy the quality of undertaking, planning, and attacking a task for the sake of being active and on the move." (Erikson, 1963, p. 22). Mastering this challenge does not mean that the child must always be active, but rather that the child must balance impulses to want to move with the necessity that some tasks (learning to tie their shoes, for example) will require patience.

Current research emphasizes the similarities in different stages and that, while Erikson's stages represent legitimate goals of human development, lifespan development may also be seen as developing similar skills over a longer period of time. For example, McAdams & Zapata-Gietl (2015) argue that three strands are woven throughout childhood and early adulthood. Firstly, people strive to develop traits and

roles in order to establish themselves as a well-known social actor. Secondly, an individual's theory of mind, or their understanding that other people also have their own perceptions, thoughts and feelings in addition to observable behaviors, and that development is an increase in nuance of that theory. Lastly, McAdams & Zapata-Gietl (2015) argue that, from childhood to adulthood, autobiographical reasoning improves, in which individuals come to understand that their own reconstructed past as well as their emergent future are part of an evolving narrative in which people increasingly view themselves as an autobiographical author.

McAdams & Zapata-Gietl (2015) offer a legitimate reading of Erikson in arguing that identity development is largely a unified process rather than separate stages. It is not the purpose of this paper to argue for a reading of largely similar or largely different challenges during age ranges. Perhaps it is merely perspective. However, one important characteristic of Erikson's stages is that they are often seen as bookended by important life events such as the beginning of elementary school often seen as a bookend to the beginning of the *industry versus inferiority* stage, in which the child learns new skills or risks a sense of failure and incompetence, or retirement serving to begin the *ego integrity versus despair* stage of reflection and, hopefully, a sense of fulfillment in a life well-lived. It is important to note that it is these transitions which make such Eriksonian challenges thinkable. Inferiority is not a risk until the child begins school, often the first place in which the child's performance may cause feelings of inferiority, or retirement paving the way for reflection not only because more free time is available, but that reflection is more meaningful since employment has been completed.

## **Identity and Crisis**

The idea that individuals must master particular goals has been referred to as a developmental crisis. Crisis is not a belief in impending catastrophe (Erikson, 1968). Rather, it designates "...a necessary turning point, a crucial moment, when development must move one way or another, marshaling resources of growth, recovery, and further differentiation." (Erikson, 1968, p. 16) Growth is often seen as a wholly beneficial process, but this is only when taken from a long-term perspective. Human developmental growth often involves awkward physical changes, entering into a period of ambivalence in which one might question previously-held beliefs, sexual maturity, integrating ideas of self and what peers think, ultimately changing for the better but not without difficulty. Idea integration is also necessary in multiple contexts. A student may have an academic identity as well as an identity within their family. In summation, Erikson argued that identity development is a struggle, with the idea of an "identity crisis" probably being a somewhat overused term, as he himself comments (Erikson, 1968).

## **Identity Cohesion versus Role Confusion**

The present study attempts to assess cultural adaptation within university learners. Erikson's theory of psychosocial development suggests that the young adult will typically experience a period of questioning in which they will explore their identity in an attempt to continue to ascertain who they are. James Marcia (1966) theorized that the resolution of ego-identity status results in one of four stages, which can be applied to Erikson's framework of identity crises. Identity foreclosure is an identity status which results from an individual developing an identity without a large amount of exploration, possibly because of social pressures like family or other commitments solidifying a

persons' identity without them having much choice in the matter. In this scenario, crisis results if these norms suddenly stop working. An example might be a person who is expected to work to support their family rather than fully exploring their identity and other skills.

Identity diffusion is a state of apathy which involves a person refusing to undertake identity exploration (Marcia, 1966), perhaps because they face changes that they do not wish to adapt to, such as an American expatriate making a large salary in a new country choosing to socialize with mostly other Westerners.

Identity moratorium is a state of open-minded thoughtfulness in which individuals suspend the idea that they are a unified whole in order to actively explore alternatives to a previous identified self or selves. This status may be the longest and most complicated stage in which the individual is most accepting of multiple descriptions of the self (Marcia, 1966). This does not mean that crisis is avoided, nor does the idea of crisis mean that only negative emotions arise. As will be expanded upon later, universities often attempt to engineer experiences in which students are asked to question themselves. College students who are Undecided in their major choice or who change majors often may hold this status. Lastly, identity achievement is the resolution to an identity crises, involving a fulfilling exploration and, finally, a commitment to certain identity aspects (Marcia, 1966). College students who question their religious beliefs when taking a philosophy or comparative religions class may reach identity achievement when they decide to adopt a particular religious belief. Note that this may not always result in a shift in religious identification. Oftentimes, the student questioning their religious identity comes to reaffirm it after a period of questioning, which would still be an achievement of identity.

## **Cultural Adaptation**

Identity crisis is an important framework which is useful for viewing the exposure to a new culture. When a person encounters a new culture, their identity is almost certain to change due to their exposure to a new language, customs, and cultural priorities. Opportunities are ripe for questioning one's beliefs or the extent to which one tolerates different thoughts or behaviors. A new culture can trigger a readjustment of self-worth. Later in this paper, data will be used to measure the extent to which this can be understood as a crisis.

There are several specific processes which take place when a person interacts with the dominant group of a new culture. *Acculturation* is the process by which a person from a minority group will, over time, shift their behaviors in order to become more similar to the dominant group. This happens linearily over time and is mediated by variables like gender and age (Szapocznik, Scopetta, Kurtines, & Aranalde, 1978). Usually, the non-dominant group becomes more like the dominant group, but this is a mutual process in which the dominant group may also change (Portes, González-Canché, Boada, Mira, Sandhu & Salas, 2016). This process involves both groups examining their identity, and depending on the dominant group's attitudes toward the non-dominant group, this process may progress smoothly or it may involve what Erikson calls crisis, especially in the non-dominant group as they may become anxious in the changes they must make. This may result in non-dominant group members seeking out peers in order to find camaraderie regarding the shared experience of stress (DeVos, 1980).

This reveals the duality of stress: it is an important influence in pushing people to adapt to a new situation, but this is accomplished through the experience of discomfort.

The ability to deal with stress is known as *adjustment* and the inability to cope is known as *distress*. (Anderson, 1991). Adjustment involves adaptive strategies and behavior change, which helps explain why the non-dominant group usually changes to match the dominant group rather than the reverse. This is a complicated process involving at least four different aspects, which are described in detail in the next chapter.

#### CHAPTER 2

MEASURE: CULTURAL ADAPTATION DEVELOPMENT INVENTORY (CADI)

The Cultural Adaptation Development Inventory (CADI) is a 30-question Likert-type item set developed by Portes et al (2016) which attempts to measure the process that happens when one person from one particular culture moves to live in a new culture. This process involves taking on inter-cultural stress and their intercultural sensitivity, but also engages in effort-optimism and inter-cultural adaptation (Portes et al., 2016).

#### **Intercultural Stress**

Intercultural stress is the perception that one is facing discrimination. Non-dominant group members may experience this form of stress as a result of the conflict of values with dominant culture members (Anderson, 1991). Many issues may give rise to intercultural stress, including whether or not to acculturate, to what extent one should acculturate, and the extent to which acculturation is a threat to the self-concept and identity which they previously valued (Schwartz, Montgomery, & Briones, 2006). In a previous study (Nixon, 2008) this factor was identified as *pain*, and this is accurate, but the items in the CADI (see Appendix A) which load onto this factor refer to being treated differently than others. For example, if a person endorses the item "I am often looked down upon by some people", then they are experiencing pain, but a specific type of pain which results from someone, most likely from a dominant culture group, contrasting their perceived value or situation with the respondent. This cultural difference takes the form of stress.

## **Effort Optimism**

Effort optimism contrasts with the process of learned helplessness, the belief that a person's effort does not pay off for them, which arises when they show a lack of confidence (Woolfolk, 2015). This experience often follows intercultural stress since people are most likely to note that, for example, being "looked down upon by some people" results from a difference in identity, and oftentimes, a person may not perceive that they are able to change others' perception of them. When an individual goes to live in a new context, these experiences are very likely to occur. Learned helplessness is significantly correlated with depression (Miler & Seligman, 1975). On the opposite end of the spectrum, some display high resilience which could be seen as a motivational tool in academic settings.

## **Positive Inter-cultural Adaptation**

Positive Inter-cultural Adaptation is the factor which indicates successful adjustment in cultural exchange. This is the extent to which a person feels that they have successfully fit into the culture and feels a sense of belonging. This is in many ways the opposite of learned helplessness since the person notices that their efforts have paid off. An example item is "I feel I have a clear identity in this culture." Endorsing this item most likely demonstrates identity achievement (Marcia, 1966).

## **Inter-cultural Insensitivity**

The final factor, inter-cultural insensitivity, reflects significant attitudes toward people from other cultures. Irritation and intolerance towards those with different accents or willingness to appreciate jokes about another culture lend themselves to demonstrating inter-cultural insensitivity. One example item is "I feel it is fair to blame some ethnic groups for their plight."

These four factors together represent the extent to which a person is adapting to the culture that is represented by their particular context. Some items directly address ethnicity, but many do not, meaning that the idea that a person who endorses the item "I feel a sense of community with others around me" does involve a resolution of one's ethnic identity but also different aspects of community, possibly including social, occupational and/or academic identities.

## **Learning at University**

Universities present a focal point for the examination of these different aspects of social, occupational and academic identity. It is often said that the purpose of university is to find oneself, a phrase often also used when discussing Erikson's psychosocial development. Continuing with the theme that stress is productive but also uncomfortable, academic environments attempt to set up difficult yet achievable tasks for students to complete and grow in the process. One of the most popular models which outline this progression is Benjamin Bloom's taxonomy of learning objectives (Bloom, 1956; Krathwohl, 2002). The idea is that better teaching and learning results from doing tasks that place a higher cognitive demand on students, such as the critical evaluation of a text is more cognitively demanding than remembering information from a text. The importance placed on student action and attributes is paralleled by Biggs's definition of good teaching: "...getting most students to use the level of cognitive processes needed to achieve the intended outcomes that the more academic students use spontaneously" (Biggs & Tang, 2007, p. 11). This involves the notion that some students are more suited to the academic culture of a classroom, but also includes the notions of motivation and self-regulation reflective of a crafted academic identity (Woolfolk, 2015). Thus, the culture participants are responding to is entangled with the transition to university, as

learning about oneself is also a purpose of university through completing course readings, questioning previously-held beliefs, and discussing with other students who come from different cultures.

One worry when examining teaching and learning from a cultural perspective is that academics may assume that their students already have critical thinking skills, as if they develop naturally, and then, upon finding out that many international students are unable to perform to already-made standards, then go on to assume that these students are incapable of thinking critically. Non-native speakers may also be unfairly criticized for poor English skills, as the estrangement a student feels may simply be the effects of a new learning environment. As the world becomes increasingly more globalized, universities continue to look further into supporting students from diverse cultures.

### CHAPTER 3

## STUDY 1: MULTILEVEL MODELING

Universities which are better able to support students who come from other cultures, and to evidence this using widely-conceptualized measures of academic success such as grade-point average and graduation rates are able to present themselves as more marketable, safer investments of a family's time and resources. This involves examining data from students who are nested in universities, thus making hierarchical linear modeling a viable method for analysis.

The most complicated of these factors is the construct of cultural adaptation, or exactly how students who come from a different culture adapt to a new culture. This may involve undertaking inter-cultural stress, or discomfort due to experiencing a new culture. Ultimately, it is hypothesized that those who have higher inter-cultural adaptation will have more success in university. However, the 'culture' of a university comes into play as well, including the support systems within the university, but also factors around the university, like whether or not the university is public or private and whether it is located in an urban or sub-urban area. Lastly, students affect the results of other students, as education is a product which is both produced by *and* consumed by the people who make it up. Thus, how many dominant and non-dominant students attend the university should also help researchers understand the extent to which students in a university adapt, possibly helping each other, but also how the university notices and creates support systems for the students who need assistance. For example,

this may look differently in Hispanic-serving Institutions (HSIs) than those which have a majority of dominant (Caucasian) students.

This study attempts to create a multilevel model using CADI is a collection of 30 Likert-type items measuring the extent to which a person from a different culture is adapting to a new, target culture. Items are listed in Appendix 1. Three items were reverse-coded (Items 20, 23 and 28), which were recoded in the dataset before import into SAS software (SAS Institute Inc., 2013). These items were then all summed to determine a student's total score for cultural adaptation.

## **College GPA**

Students invited to take the CADI were also asked to self-report their GPA on a continuous scale from 0.0 to 4.0. While self-reporting GPA does lead to data collection issues such as students misremembering or misrepresenting themselves, this measure did in fact have wide representation in all levels, spanning from 0.0 to 4.0 with a mean of 3.45 and a standard deviation of 0.473, so this wide distribution of scores was deemed suitable for the present study.

## **University-level data**

University-level data were collected using the College Scorecard (US Department of Education, 2017). Variables collected included the percentage of non-dominant (non-Caucasian) students attended the university, whether the university was in an urban or suburban environment, and whether the university was public or private.

#### **Procedure**

Student-level data were collected by inviting students from ten different universities to participate for undergraduate-level educational psychology credit. While the sample was not random because students had the choice to participate in this study

or other studies, the sample size is large and robust enough to conduct hierarchical linear modeling. Students who chose not to participate in studies were given the alternate assignment of writing summaries of current articles in educational psychology so as to avoid unnecessary compulsion to take part in research. Not every student answered every question, so those who had missing data were excluded.

University-level data was collected through a secondary data set of colleges and universities maintained by the US Department of Education (2017), so it was deemed reputable and credible for the purposes of this study.

Table 1

Means and standard deviations for all continuous variables

Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum	Range	Variance	Sum
GPA_College	2925	3.4524622	0.4738700	0	4.0000000	4.0000000	0.2245527	10098.45
NonDom	2925	0.3707111	0.2029574	0.2200000	0.9100000	0.6900000	0.0411917	1084.33
TotalCADI	2579	94.9228383	17.4757467	42.0000000	134.0000000	92.0000000	305.4017241	244806.00
GradRate	2925	0.8091248	0.1018531	0.4400000	0.8500000	0.4100000	0.0103741	2366.69

Table 2

Covariance matrix for all continuous variables

Variances and Covariances

Covariance / Row Var Variance / Col Var Variance / DF

	GPA_College	CitySub	PubPriv	NonDom	TotalCADI	GradRate
GPA_College	0.2245527	-0.0154716	0.0000618	-0.0091548	-0.0362371	0.0051250
	0.2245527	0.2245527	0.2245527	0.2245527	0.2288469	0.2245527

	0.2245527	0.1066739	0.0148215	0.0411917	305.4017241	0.0103741
	2924	2924	2924	2924	2578	2924
CitySub	-0.0154716	0.1066739	-0.0018263	0.0627249	-0.4488309	-0.0303691
	0.1066739	0.1066739	0.1066739	0.1066739	0.0980318	0.1066739
	0.2245527	0.1066739	0.0148215	0.0411917	305.4017241	0.0103741
	2924	2924	2924	2924	2578	2924
PubPriv	0.0000618	-0.0018263	0.0148215	0.0034503	-0.2089247	0.0000679
	0.0148215	0.0148215	0.0148215	0.0148215	0.0118803	0.0148215
	0.2245527	0.1066739	0.0148215	0.0411917	305.4017241	0.0103741
	2924	2924	2924	2924	2578	2924
NonDom	-0.0091548	0.0627249	0.0034503	0.0411917	-0.3454900	-0.0182274
	0.0411917	0.0411917	0.0411917	0.0411917	0.0377410	0.0411917
	0.2245527	0.1066739	0.0148215	0.0411917	305.4017241	0.0103741
	2924	2924	2924	2924	2578	2924
TotalCADI	-0.0362371	-0.4488309	-0.2089247	-0.3454900	305.4017241	0.1950850
	305.4017241	305.4017241	305.4017241	305.4017241	305.4017241	305.4017241
	0.2288469	0.0980318	0.0118803	0.0377410	305.4017241	0.0094387
	2578	2578	2578	2578	2578	2578
GradRate	0.0051250	-0.0303691	0.0000679	-0.0182274	0.1950850	0.0103741
	0.0103741	0.0103741	0.0103741	0.0103741	0.0094387	0.0103741
	0.2245527	0.1066739	0.0148215	0.0411917	305.4017241	0.0103741

2924 2924 2924 2924 2578 2924

Table 3
Frequency tables for Categorical variables

	N	Frequency
City	2,608	.8916
Suburb	317	.1084

Public 2,882 .999853

**Private** 43 .0147

### **Methods**

## **Analytic Rationale**

This study purports to model student-level variables, including their CADI scores and their GPA along with university-level variables like whether the university is located in a city or suburb, whether it is public or private, the level of non-dominant students present (non-Causasian), and the university's Graduation Rate.

#### Level-1 models

It is hypothesized that a student's level of adaptation, operationalized as their total CADI score, will be a significant predictor for their academic success, operationalized as their GPA on a continuous scale from 0.0 to 4.0.

Level 1 Equation:

Level 1:  $GPA_{ij} = B_{oj} + B_{1j}TotalCADI_{ij} + r_{ij}$ 

#### Level-2 models

It is hypothesized that university variables will also affect GPA. Given that cultural adaptation is a factor, the student non-dominance rate (how many non-Caucasian students attend the university, by percentage) is also hypothesized to affect GPA. Of course, using graduation rate as a university-level covariate would also be hypothesized to shed light into GPA based on the success of the university overall.

The categorical variables of city-or-suburb and public-or-private were discarded from the model since, based on the frequency charts, they were off-balance, including the vast majority of universities being public and located in cities, so since these data would be offset by unequal sample sizes, these variables were not entered into the model.

#### Results

### **Unconditional Models**

Intra-class correlation was quite high, at .00138 / (.00138 + .000189) = .87954. This means that the model does not differentiate very well between classes. This could further evidence that concept refinement needs to take place, for example, by a further literature review regarding the extent to which cultural adaptation and academic success are different.

The final unconditional model is:

Level 1:  $GPA_{ij} = .01092 + -.00041(TotalCADI_{ij}) + .2949$ 

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Table 4
Parameter estimates for unconditional model

#### **Estimated G Matrix**

Row	Effect	StudentID	Col1	Col2
1	Intercept	1	0.01092	-0.00041
2	TotalCADI	1	-0.00041	

#### **Covariance Parameter Estimates**

Cov Parm	Subject	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Standard Error</b>	<b>Z</b> Value	Pr > Z
UN(1,1)	StudentID	0.01092	0.03718	0.29	0.3845
UN(2,1)	StudentID	-0.00041	0.000189	-2.15	0.0319
UN(2,2)	StudentID	0			
Residual		0.2949	0		

Unfortunately, the Total CADI estimate is significant, but the intercept was not. Also, the parameter themselves were rather low, making the graph of the unconditional model very flat with a very low slope.

### **Conditional Models**

Predictors for Student GPA (on a continuous scale from 0.0-4.0) were student's Total CADI score (30 items added up along a Likert-type scale, with three items reverse-coded), along with two university-level variables, the percentage of non-dominant

students as well as the percentage graduation rate of the university. This was merely a cross-sectional analysis between students and universities, not a longitudinal analysis.

## **Hypotheses**

Hypotheses were that each of these variables would account for a significant amount of variance, along with the two-part interaction terms (Total CADI X Non-Dominant, Total CADI X Graduation Rate, Non-Dominant X Graduation Rate) and one three-part interaction term (Total CADI X Non-Dominant X Graduation Rate).

## **Initial Models and Decision-making Process**

Since the inventory of cultural adaptation is most salient in the conceptualization of predictors for GPA, Total CADI score was incorporated into all of the models. A random intercept model was first attempted, co-varying graduation rate with CADI scores in order to predict GPA. This takes into account the idea that the university's support systems would be employed in order to fuel cultural adaptation at a given university, resulting in success seen on the student level as well as the university level. However, only the intercept was significant. Then, a similar model was conducted with only the intercept being random.

Next, non-dominant percentage was incorporated into the model, including student diversity as an important parameter when estimating how cultural adaptation and university support systems work together to create successful students. Firstly, a random intercept-only model was conducted, with -2 Log Likelhood being equal to 3518, the smallest value seen thus far.

However, the final model incorporated Total CADI, co-varying dominance with university graduation rate, randomly varying both the intercept and non-dominance.

The rationale is that all universities are probably trying to maximize their graduation

rate, so that this variable can be fixed. However, universities may wish to accept a greater amount of diversity in order to create a more inclusive campus, perhaps leading to greater student success for those who are attempting to do more cultural adaptation. The final model yielded the lowest -2 log likelihood of all the models, 3503.1.

## **Final Model Equations**

Level 1: 
$$GPA_{ij} = B_{oj} + B_{1j}TotalCADI_{ij} + r_{ij}$$
  
Level 2:  $B_{oj} = y_{oo} + y_{o1}(NonDom)_j + u_{oj}$   
 $B_{1j} = y_{1o} + y_{11}(NonDom)_j + u_{1j}$ 

Table 5
Final Model Parameter Estimates

#### **Covariance Parameter Estimates**

Cov Parm	Subject	Estimate	Standard Error	Z Value	Pr Z
$oldsymbol{r}_{ij}$	StudentID	0.000221	0.05520	0.00	0.4984
$B_{oj}$	StudentID	-0.8450	0.1218	-6.94	<.0001
$B_{ij}$	StudentID	1.3436	0.2101	6.40	<.0001
$u_{oj}$		0.6116	0		

## **Interpretation of Parameters**

While the model ran with significant results, the model variances were very low, with a high residual, meaning that the variables in the model does not account for a large amount of the variance itself. Also, Total CADI score by student does not significantly influence GPA. However, the university-level variance was significant and

negative, meaning that as non-dominance increases, Student GPA decreases slightly. This means that, as more people from more cultures arrive at university, some of them will have a difficult time, not being able to achieve as well as their neighbors from the same culture. Also, the slope accounting for non-dominant students is also significant and positive, meaning that if the rate of increase in non-dominant students is higher for a university, GPA tends to increase as well. This might be because universities who have wide variance in student achievement tend to try to remedy this, oftentimes by noticing sections of the student population which are not doing as well and taking steps to support these particular populations of low-achieving students.

#### Conclusion

Multilevel modeling can shed light into how things like diversity and university-wide achievement can work together to inform individual achievement. It was particularly interesting to see that, while the intercept for the model was significant and negative, meaning that universities with larger non-dominant student populations' lowest-achieving students tend to have lower GPA than their more dominant counterparts, the slope was significant and positive for university-level graduation rate. It seems that, by increasing the diversity of their student population, universities will, on average, be able to increase their graduation rates. This will prove important for research on nurturing student success.

Data were used from the University Scorecard (2017), including a proxy for race rather than *dominance*. Results reveal that this was a problematic approach, and literature would support this, since dominance may not necessarily be equated with whiteness in America. For example, at Florida International University, an Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), in which 67% of the student body identifies Hispanic with

only 9% identifying as Caucasian. The model reveals that cultural history does not equate to dominance if there is a larger group culture present, and this is one example which problematizes the notion that race/ethnicity covaries with dominance.

Another implication for these results involves *how* students become successful at university. According to the model, students are less successful if the intercept is lower, meaning the students with the lowest CADI scores, or those who are culturally adapting the least. This is another parallel with dominance. For example, a white male who grew up in Georgia that goes to attend the University of Georgia would probably not have a high CADI score, since he does not have to adapt culturally due to learning in the same culture as he grew up. If there are too many students of a dominant group, then GPA will tend to be higher. However, if there are sharp contrasts between CADI scores, then students will have higher GPAs on average. This is another way to understand diversity; if there are lots of people who need to adapt a lot, and also lots of people who do not need to adapt much, then GPAs will tend to be higher.

This research seems to demonstrate that students do not adapt or achieve completely on their own, but that the variance *between* universities is much greater than the variance *within* universities. For example, 18-year olds at the University of Georgia might not be very different than 18-year olds at Florida International University, for example, but UGA is very different from FIU.

One aspect of the constructs which need to be further explored is exactly how similar cultural adaptation is to academic success. It was revealed that the CADI scores did not account for a significant amount of the variance of student GPA. This is perhaps because these the idea of adapting to a new culture is necessarily intertwined with succeeding academically, such that these things may actually be measuring similar

things. This would also explain why the ICC was so high; actually, both things might have been measuring *success-within-context*. In effect, coming to a university means taking on an 'academic culture' in which certain skills and practices are valued, such as speaking and writing to an academic audience, time management, and other skills related to good communication, all of which would also be involved with adapting culturally.

While GPA did not vary significantly with total CADI score, Graduation Rate was significant with CADI, meaning that people who are able to successfully adapt to the culture in context are more likely to graduate from school. This may mean that, conceptually, cultural adaptation to a greater extent may not be linked to higher grades, at least not directly. One possible methodological error was that total CADI scores have not yet been proven to be additive, thus it may have been inappropriate to sum them into an aggregate variable. Future factorial research will reveal factor loadings which will require the multilevel models to be redone.

Another confound in the study is that it is probable that cultural adaptation significantly differs due to the ethnicity of the student. If a student is Caucasian, then they most likely have to do less cultural adaptation than if they are from a non-dominant group. However, this was absent in the current study, and if another study were to be done, then student-level ethnicity data should also be included. In terms of validating literature, this study shows that dominance cannot simply be associated with whiteness, with it possibly confounding in a Hispanic-serving institution (HSI) such as Florida International University, demonstrating that the specific context of a university is necessary for understanding how dominance works in that context.

## **CHAPTER 4**

STUDY 2: EXPOLRATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS

## **Background and Participants**

Nixon (2008) conducted a confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) on CADI data from data collected prior to 2008 (N = 374) African American and White participants from a public university in the southeast. The model did not fit well for African Americans and/or males, but as previously discussed, ethnicity may not be the best way to operationalize dominance. Nixon (2008; Portes et al, 2016) proposed a four-factor model previously elaborated on in the Measure chapter. New data have been collected during the last two years from two universities in Spain (N = 416).

#### Method

A similar principal components analysis was conducted to see if the factor structure holds for the four factors found in American universities using SPSS software (IBM Corp., 2013). While Nixon's (2008) study used promax rotation, this study used varimax rotation as it has been noted to often result in higher factor loadings (Muliak, 2010). Other variables were kept the same, such as the critical eigenvalue (1.00).

#### Results

Initially, the model showed 7 factors, but it was found to not be productive in keeping factors which accounted for less than 5% of the total variance, so these were discounted. The resulting model is also a four-factor model like the results of the American CADI analysis. Results are presented in Appendix 3.

Intercultural Stress/Depression was one large part, overwhelmingly the biggest factor, into which seventeen of the items loaded. All of these were in the previously-found *intercultural stress* factor, with many from the *effort/optimism* factor loading here as well. In terms of Spanish universities, it seems that stress is more heavily entangled with learned helplessness even than the American sample. To put it a different way, the extent to which Spanish students are experiencing being looked down upon at university also relates to the extent to which one's self-worth is such that these students thought they could triumph over challenges.

The second factor was closest to *positive inter-cultural adaptation* with eight items loading into it, such as "I feel adequate functioning in this society" and "I feel a sense of community with those around me." Both the Spanish and American samples of undergraduates presented a duality when responding to the CADI, showing both aspects of stress *and* successful adaptation.

The third factor only saw one item loading into it, "I feel I have a clear identity in this culture." In the American sample, this item loads in the positive inter-cultural adaptation component, but it can be seen as a separate concept according to Spanish students. Perhaps Erikson would agree, in that identity is a concept evaluated by the self, which is not necessarily the same as adapting to a different culture. Another way to understand this is that adaptation governs mainly behaviors, whereas identity is not only behavioral but also cognitive and emotional as well.

The final factor loaded the last four items and is similar to the American component of *intercultural insensistivity*, loading items like "I'm not bothered when people use ethnic/racial slurs" and "I feel it is fair to blame some ethnic groups for their

plight." This factor seems most similar to the intercultural insensitivity factor seen in the American sample.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the four-factor structure seen in Nixon (2008) holds with several key differences, the most important of which is that many aspects of learned helplessness are more closely tied with the notion of cultural differences. These were seen to correlate in the American sample, but show a much more entangled in terms of component structure in the Spanish samples.

#### CHAPTER 5

STUDY 3: RASCH MODELING

#### **Rationale**

Returning to the theme of Erikson (1968) presenting early adulthood as one stage of development, and knowing that there are four principal components which load into the model from a factor analysis perspective, the question may remain as to whether or not the scale as a whole demonstrates latent unidimensionality, that is to say, are the four parts presented in the last section fit together as part of a whole. If so, is it productive to see them all together, or is the CADI scale *only* distinct factors which are better understood separately? To what extent does Erikson's concept of identity hold as a singular feature which weaves together the threads of the CADI? Item Response Theory may be used in order to assess the latent unidimensionality of the construct (Baker & Kim, 2004). Item response theory also allows for scaling parameters to be constructed for the data.

#### Method

This study used partial-credit Rasch modelling (Wright, 1968) and the *Facets* program (Linacre, 2017) in order to examine the extent to which a single latent dimension was present throughout the inventory. The total CADI data set (N = 2,636) was used for this assessment, including respondents from ten American universities and two Spanish universities.

#### **Results**

#### **Persons**

Results are summarized in Table 6 (next page). Person measurement (N = 2,636) raw scores ranged from a total CADI score of 42 to 134 with a mean of 95.0 (SD 17.4). Results were reliable with an index of .86 and a fixed chi-square of 16,458.4 (2,534 df), which is highly significant at p<.001. With an infit of 1.04 for dichotomous responses, data followed a Guttman pattern, and an outfit of 1.09 indicated predictable outliers.

#### **Items**

Item measurement (N = 30) demonstrated a mean of 3.2, SD .3 and a high reliability index of near 1.00. A fixed chi-square test resulted in 6,784.4 (29 df), which is highly significant at p<.001. Infit was .99 which had almost no deviation from a Guttman pattern and an outfit of 1.10 which would be productive for measurement.

**Table 6**Rasch Analysis Results Table

Measures	Person	Item
M	3.2	3.2
SD	.6	.3
N	2,636	30
Infit		
M	1.04	.99
SD	.68	.46
Outfit		
M	1.09	1.10
SD	.83	.66
Reliability of Separation	1.00	1.00
χ² statistic	16,458.5*	6,784.4*
Degrees of freedom	2,533	29

Note: \* *p*<.001

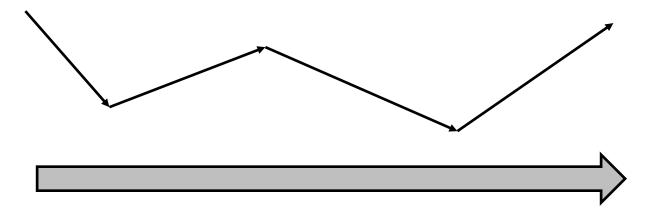
This allows a Wright map (Wright, 1968) to be constructed with the singular measure of cultural adaptation, seen in an Eriksonian framework as *identity* development through crisis, as can be seen below:

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**Figure 1**Wright Map of Cultural Adaptaiton

#### Conclusion

Results indicated that the Rasch model accounted for 27.89% of the variance, indicating that the data show the model, despite showing four distinct factors, also carries within it a latent unidimensionality (Reckase, 1979). This means that, while factors such as intercultural stress account for negative aspects of the experience of cultural adaptivity, positive intercultural adaptation accounts for a different experience with different characteristics, but both involve movement in a particular direction conceptualized below:



**Figure 2**Four factors working in one overall direction

#### **CHAPTER 6**

#### LIMITATIONS AND DIRECTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

The most important finding from this paper was in the attempted multilevel model which problematized the operationalization of dominance as ethnicity, which in American society was assumed to be whiteness. Properly understood, this is also the paper's chief limitation that is also present in the field of undergraduate data collection, namely, healthy data sets exist which document student ethnicity, but few if any exist which document the extent to which students are part of a dominant/non-dominant culture group. Further attempts to theoretically define dominance may assist this work, but this may be a difficult task, since a dominant culture group both constructs and is constructed by their environment, and each dominance is only understandable in its particular context. Perhaps more qualitative methods such as semi-structured interview in response to the CADI inventory may yield deeper understanding in the connection between culture, ethnicity and dominance.

This paper has illustrated that the idea of identity as perseverance through stress leading to adaptive behavior can be shown cross-culturally. This is further refined in four-factor models for both American and Spanish undergraduates, but shows latent unidimensionality due to Rasch analysis. However, the specific way that cultural adaptation affects the learning process remains to be seen. How does this process affect the learning experience? Finally, what can teachers do to recognize and support those with a high degree of intercultural stress and/or learned helplessness?

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#### **APPENDICES**

### Appendix A: Cultural Adaptation Development Inventory (CADI)

#### THE CULTURAL ADAPTATION AND DEVELOPMENT INVENTORY – REVISED

Directions: Please answer the following questions based on how you have felt recently in the past twelve months. There are no right or wrong answers. However, for the results to be meaningful, you must answer these statements as honestly as possible. Thank you.

Circle or mark each item that holds true for you. Please respond to all items.

- 1. Marital Status: A. Single B. Married C. Divorced/Separated
  - D. Widow(er)
- 2. Ethnicity:
  - a. White (not of Spanish descent)
  - b. African American
  - c. Native American
  - d. Latin/Hispanic American
  - e. Asian American / Pacific Islander
  - f. Arab American
  - g. Other (write in the cultural background that best describes you; e.g. Cajun, Punjab, Korean, Bosnian etc.)
- 3. Number of years you have lived in the U. S. a. Always b. # of years
- 4. Family Income

Below \$12,000.00 a year \$12,000.00 to 20,000.00 \$20,000 to 35,000.00 \$35,000 to 50,000.00 \$50,000 to 100.000.00 Above \$100,000.00

(If you are a student, go by your parents' income.)

5. Languages you are fluent in:

- 6. Gender: Male Female
- 7. Nationality U.S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident Other (list which)
- 8. Your age
- 9. Years of Education Completed by You:

Years of Education Completed by Your Father: Mother:

- 10. Approximate GPA in College:
- a. 3.5 or above

b. 3.0-3.4

c. 2.5-2.9

d. 2.0-2.4

e. below 2.0

Please circle the option that most accurately describes your current state on the following items.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
In general, (I feel that):	8	J		J		
1. Many opportunities are denied to me.	5	4	3	2	1	
2. My choices for success in life are limited.	5	4	3	2	1	
3. I am looked down upon by some people.	5	4	3	2	1	
4. I am often not taken seriously.	5	4	3	2	1	
5. I am ostracized (shunned) by some people.	5	4	3	2	1	
6. I am often considered less capable than I really am.	5	4	3	2	1	
7. Others try to make me feel different.	5	4	3	2	1	
8 I have been denied opportunities I deserve.	5	4	3	2	1	
9. I suffer from prejudice and unequal treatment.	5	4	3	2	1	
10. I am required to do more than others to prove my abilities.	5	4	3	2	1	
11. I feel I have a clear identity in this culture.	5	4	3	2	1	

12. I don't have as many choices as others around me.	5	4	3	2	1
13. Trying hard to get ahead doesn't work for people like me.	5	4	3	2	1
14. I feel adequate functioning in this society.	5	4	3	2	1
15. I don't have much control over my life generally.	5	4	3	2	1
16. I feel I don't have as much support as others.	5	4	3	2	1
17. I feel a sense of community with others around me.	5	4	3	2	1
18. I feel I belong in the present culture.	5	4	3	2	1
19. I'm treated as a second rate citizen some of the time.	5	4	3	2	1
20. I feel I can get ahead in life as well as anyone else.	5	4	3	2	1
21. I feel uncomfortable with people's cultural values in this society.	5	4	3	2	1
22. I feel a sense of helplessness and hopelessness.	5	4	3	2	1
23. Others act as if they are better than I am.	5	4	3	2	1
24. I feel it is fair to blame some ethnic groups for their plight.	5	4	3	2	1
25. I feel irritated when people are insensitive to the cultural values of others.	5	4	3	2	1
26. I feel amused when people make fun of cultural stereotypes.	5	4	3	2	1
27. I'm not bothered when people use ethnic/racial slurs.	5	4	3	2	1
28. I get impatient when I can't understand a different accent.	5	4	3	2	1
29. I feel that despite all my efforts I will not be able to succeed in this society.	5	4	3	2	1
30. I feel that if I try to work hard, I'll have a good future.	5	4	3	2	1

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## **Appendix B: Factor Analysis Correlation Matrix**

### **Correlation Matrix**

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CADI Item	1. Many opportunities are denied to me.	1.000	.442	.213	.300	.224	.227	.233	.493	.175	.267	.031	.367	.320	052	.167
Item	2. My choices for success in life are limited.	.442	1.000	.323	.383	.326	.336	.300	.397	.204	.297	047	.521	.433	075	.375
	3. I am looked down upon by some people.	.213	.323	1.000	.420	.860	.550	.533	.338	.578	.338	136	.360	.338	146	.266
	4. I am often not taken seriously.	.300	.383	.420	1.000	.440	.440	.362	.344	.322	.368	059	.432	.349	141	.282
	5. I am ostracized (shunned) by some people.	.224	.326	.860	.440	1.000	.563	.544	.400	.600	.376	149	.381	.348	154	.289
	6. I am often considered less capable than I really am.	.227	.336	.550	.440	.563	1.000	.477	.333	.428	.405	104	.422	.308	173	-353
	7. Others try to make me feel different.	.233	.300	.533	.362	.544	-477	1.000	.421	.448	.294	089	-355	.316	092	.292
	8. I have been denied opportunities I deserve.	.493	.397	.338	.344	.400	.333	.421	1.000	.320	.363	.020	.420	.328	124	.214
	9. I suffer from prejudice and unequal treatment.	.175	.204	.578	.322	.600	.428	.448	.320	1.000	.278	139	.329	.177	058	.225

10. I am required to	.267	.297	.338	.368	.376	.405	.294	.363	.278	1.000	046	.415	.274	054	
do more than others															
to prove my abilities.															
11. I feel I have a clear	.031	047	136	059	149	104	089	.020	139	046	1.000	005	050	-333	
identity in this															
culture.															
12. I don't have as	.367	.521	.360	.432	.381	.422	-355	.420	.329	.415	005	1.000	.452	107	
many choices as															
others around me.															
13. Trying hard to get	.320	.433	.338	.349	.348	.308	.316	.328	.177	.274	050	.452	1.000	167	
ahead doesn't work															
for people like me.															
14. I feel adequate	052	075	146	141	154	173	092	124	058	054	.333	107	167	1.000	
functioning in this															
society.															
15. I don't have much	.167	.375	.266	.282	.289	-353	.292	.214	.225	.205	166	.312	.344	202	
control over my life															
generally.															
16. I feel I don't have	.283	.392	.463	.310	.437	.419	.407	.406	.411	.339	168	.423	.381	147	
as much support as															
others.															
17. I feel a sense of	161	167	258	152	263	156	193	192	182	169	.266	206	171	.229	
community with															
others around me.															
18. I feel I belong in	101	123	250	167	227	241	238	139	238	085	.446	128	151	.336	
the present culture.															

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19. I'm treated as a	.264	.299	.440	.290	.446	.381	.364	.336	.403	.268	081	.363	.329	090	
second rate citizen															
some of the time.															
20. I feel I can get	190	338	170	133	165	148	128	155	091	123	.057	305	321	.311	
ahead in life as well															
as anyone else.															
21. Others act as if	.216	.333	.405	.452	.432	.451	.406	.369	.322	.344	083	.371	.327	163	
they are better than I															
am.															
22. I feel it is fair to	.036	.035	.071	008	.056	.048	.064	.057	055	025	.057	044	.165	093	
blame some ethnic															
groups for their															
plight.															
23. I feel irritated	042	090	061	.006	083	.029	020	042	.051	016	.069	.002	092	.116	
when people are															
insensitive to the															
cultural values of															
other															
24. I feel amused	.020	.034	.037	.032	.016	.067	.074	.002	.049	.045	.087	.043	.041	.077	
when people make			37						.,	.0	,		·	.,	
fun of cultural															
stereotypes.															
	22.	225		226	205	265	225		226		a.( :	0.15	220	265	
25. I'm not bothered	.034	.005	.116	.026	.083	.062	.095	.059	.036	.011	064	010	.098	060	
when people use															
ethnic/racial slurs.															

26. I get impatient when I can't understand a different accent.	017	.024	.051	.087	.075	.024	.121	.052	.036	.093	.060	.101	.148	084	.144
27. I feel that despite all my efforts I will not be able to succeed in this soc	.318	.444	.249	.287	.239	.336	.235	.247	.132	.257	092	.368	.367	256	.380
28. I feel that if I try to work hard, I'll have a good future.	243	315	190	092	182	169	195	244	124	163	.123	270	378	.263	296
29. It is useful to have high hopes in this society.	251	261	214	192	244	171	171	201	143	164	.190	218	360	.210	212
30. I feel I have deep roots in this country.	083	168	137	062	120	169	115	082	130	092	.409	092	085	.349	170

		16	17.	18	19	20	21.	22	23	24.	25	26	27	28	29	30
	1. Many opportunities	.283	161	101	.264	190	.216	.036	042	.020	.034	017	.318	243	251	083
Item	are denied to me.  2. My choices for success in life are limited.	.392	167	123	.299	338	.333	.035	090	.034	.005	.024	.444	315	261	168
	3. I am looked down upon by some people.	.463	258	250	.440	170	.405	.071	061	.037	.116	.051	.249	190	214	137
	4. I am often not taken seriously.	.310	152	167	.290	133	.452	008	.006	.032	.026	.087	.287	092	192	062
	5. I am ostracized (shunned) by some people.	.437	263	227	.446	165	.432	.056	083	.016	.083	.075	.239	182	244	120
	6. I am often considered less capable than I really am.	.419	156	241	.381	148	.451	.048	.029	.067	.062	.024	.336	169	171	169
	7. Others try to make me feel different.	.407	193	238	.364	128	.406	.064	020	.074	.095	.121	.235	195	171	115
	8. I have been denied opportunities I deserve.	.406	192	139	.336	155	.369	.057	042	.002	.059	.052	.247	244	201	082
	9. I suffer from prejudice and unequal treatment.	.411	182	238	.403	091	.322	055	.051	.049	.036	.036	.132	124	143	130
	10. I am required to do more than others to prove my abilities.	.339	169	085	.268	123	.344	025	016	.045	.011	.093	.257	163	164	092

11. I feel I have a clear identity in this culture.	168	.266	.446	081	.057	083	.057	.069	.087	064	.060	092	.123	.190	
12. I don't have as many choices as others around me.	.423	206	128	.363	305	.371	044	.002	.043	010	.101	.368	270	218	
13. Trying hard to get ahead doesn't work for people like me.	.381	171	151	.329	321	.327	.165	092	.041	.098	.148	.367	378	360	
14. I feel adequate functioning in this society.	147	.229	.336	090	.311	163	093	.116	.077	060	084	256	.263	.210	
15. I don't have much control over my life generally.	.351	198	232	.274	271	.249	.124	042	.073	.096	.144	.380	296	212	
16. I feel I don't have as much support as others.	1.000	292	299	.449	163	.346	.068	051	003	.084	.012	-335	176	272	
17. I feel a sense of community with others around me.	292	1.000	.496	232	.241	238	.012	.138	.060	110	078	159	.205	.202	
18. I feel I belong in the present culture.	299	.496	1.000	205	.251	155	.008	.142	.082	057	044	264	.212	.279	
19. I'm treated as a second rate citizen some of the time.	.449	232	205	1.000	191	.423	.082	.096	.031	.092	.053	.329	214	256	

20. I feel I can get ahead in life as well as anyone else.	163	.241	.251	191	1.000	154	061	.196	.008	068	050	400	.443	.272	
21. Others act as if they are better than I am.	.346	238	155	.423	154	1.000	.027	.064	.009	.035	.159	.293	167	178	
22. I feel it is fair to blame some ethnic groups for their plight.	.068	.012	.008	.082	061	.027	1.000	193	.187	.285	.134	.053	010	063	
23. I feel irritated when people are insensitive to the cultural values of other	051	.138	.142	.096	.196	.064	193	1.000	068	110	008	084	.094	.146	
24. I feel amused when people make fun of cultural stereotypes.	003	.060	.082	.031	.008	.009	.187	068	1.000	.164	.027	.023	032	.016	
25. I'm not bothered when people use ethnic/racial slurs.	.084	110	057	.092	068	.035	.285	110	.164	1.000	017	.049	040	023	-
26. I get impatient when I can't understand a different accent.	.012	078	044	.053	050	.159	.134	008	.027	017	1.000	.139	043	.000	

27. I feel that despite all my efforts I will not be able to succeed in this soc	.335	159	264	.329	400	.293	.053	084	.023	.049	.139	1.000	427	261	308
28. I feel that if I try to work hard, I'll have a good future.	176	.205	.212	214	.443	167	010	.094	032	040	043	427	1.000	.329	.228
29. It is useful to have high hopes in this society.	272	.202	.279	256	.272	178	063	.146	.016	023	.000	261	.329	1.000	.305
30. I feel I have deep roots in this country.	207	.361	.574	232	.261	093	.063	.070	.051	023	.010	308	.228	.305	1.000

# **Appendix C: Component Matrix**

## **Pattern Component Matrix**

	ICS	EO	PICA	ICI
1. Many opportunities are denied	.483	.109	.347	203
to me.				
2. My choices for success in life are limited.	.621	.057	.370	183
3. I am looked down upon by some people.	.710	.227	337	.186
4. I am often not taken seriously.	· <b>593</b>	.248	018	086
5. I am ostracized (shunned) by some people.	.728	.247	331	.158
6. I am often considered less capable than I really am.	.670	.214	189	.039
7. Others try to make me feel different.	.633	.229	189	.137
8. I have been denied opportunities I deserve.	.596	.218	.134	094
9. I suffer from prejudice and unequal treatment.	.570	.244	420	.033
10. I am required to do more than others to prove my abilities.	.528	.235	.020	127
- ·	236	.527	.418	.007
12. I don't have as many choices as others around me.	.655	.190	.225	217
13. Trying hard to get ahead doesn't work for people like me.	.606	.008	.362	.062
14. I feel adequate functioning in this society.	326	.517	.046	068
15. I don't have much control over my life generally.	·534	114	.150	.113
16. I feel I don't have as much support as others.	.667	.051	103	.006
17. I feel a sense of community with others around me.	431	.390	.218	017
18. I feel I belong in the present culture.	445	.582	.341	.001
19. I'm treated as a second rate citizen some of the time.	.615	.110	097	.005
20. I feel I can get ahead in life as well as anyone else.	429	.388	376	.024
21. Others act as if they are better than I am.	.606	.206	079	046
22. I feel it is fair to blame some ethnic groups for their plight.	.088	012	.252	.713
23. I feel irritated when people are insensitive to the cultural values of other	099	.286	186	378
24. I feel amused when people make fun of cultural stereotypes.	.042	.156	.177	.463

25. I'm not bothered when people use ethnic/racial slurs.	.122	063	.041	.624
26. I get impatient when I can't understand a different accent.	.135	.031	.126	.174
27. I feel that despite all my efforts I will not be able to succeed in this		216	.341	103
soc				
28. I feel that if I try to work hard, I'll have a good future.	456	.327	366	.088
29. It is useful to have high hopes in this society.	450	.311	143	.044
30. I feel I have deep roots in this country.	358	.634	.225	.126