

Title: Additional variables appendix for “White consciousness helps explain conspiracy thinking”

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## Appendix F: Additional variables

During peer review, four additional variables were identified as potential confounders to the effect of White consciousness. Tables F1–F3 re-run the paper’s main models including these four. The question wording and alpha values for the scales are below. \* indicates items are reverse coded in the index.

### *Racial resentment ( $\alpha = 0.71$ )*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (*strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat agree, strongly agree*)

- The Irish, Italians, Jews and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Visible minorities in Canada should do the same without any special favors.
- Generations of discrimination and unfair treatment have created conditions that make it difficult for visible minorities to work their way out of the lower class.\*
- Over the past few years, visible minorities have gotten less than they deserve.\*
- It is really a matter of not trying hard enough; if visible minorities would only try harder they could be just as well off as Whites.

### *Outgroup thermometer ( $\alpha = 0.9$ )*

There are many kinds of groups in the world: gender, ethnic and religious groups, nationalities, political factions. Set the slider to any number from 0 to 100, where 0 means you really dislike the group and 100 means you really like the group.

- Aboriginal people
- Ethnic minorities
- Muslims
- Jews

### *White privilege*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (*strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat agree, somewhat agree, strongly agree*)

- White people in Canada enjoy more privilege than people from other ethnic backgrounds.

### *Perceptions of victimhood ( $\alpha = 0.73$ )*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (*strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat agree, strongly agree*)

- I usually get what I deserve in life.\*
- The system works against people like me.

- Sometimes it feels like the world is out to get me.
- People like me are falling behind in society.

*White thermometer*

There are many kinds of groups in the world: gender, ethnic and religious groups, nationalities, political factions. Set the slider to any number from 0 to 100, where 0 means you really dislike the group and 100 means you really like the group: *White people*.

**Table F1. Predictors of conspiracy thinking (with additional control variables).**

	(1) Conspiracy thinking
White consciousness	0.219*** (0.028)
Age	-0.014* (0.006)
Age (squared)	0.000 (0.000)
Woman	-0.070* (0.036)
University education	0.038 (0.039)
Income	0.006 (0.006)
Political interest	-0.022** (0.007)
Political knowledge	-0.052* (0.020)
Ideology (right)	0.031*** (0.009)
Satisfaction with democracy	-0.242*** (0.023)
Quebec	0.030 (0.040)
Racial resentment	0.149*** (0.029)
Outgroup thermometer	0.051* (0.026)
White privilege	0.011 (0.016)
Victimhood	0.349*** (0.025)
White thermometer	-0.003** (0.001)
Constant	1.283*** (0.192)
Observations	1,520

Note: Standard errors in parentheses: \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ .

**Table F2.** Predictors of the “great replacement” conspiracy theory (with additional control variables).

	(1) White replacement
White consciousness	1.371** (0.153)
Conspiracy thinking	2.432*** (0.246)
Age	0.989 (0.025)
Age (squared)	1.000 (0.000)
Woman	1.078 (0.149)
University education	0.791 (0.127)
Income	0.948* (0.024)
Political interest	0.955 (0.025)
Political knowledge	0.956 (0.075)
Ideology (right)	1.178*** (0.041)
Satisfaction with democracy	0.756** (0.067)
Quebec	1.006 (0.155)
Racial resentment	1.664*** (0.186)
Outgroup thermometer	0.599*** (0.059)
White privilege	0.888 (0.055)
Victimhood	1.549*** (0.160)
White thermometer	1.015*** (0.004)
Observations	1,351

Note: Coefficients are odds ratios; standard errors in parentheses: \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ .

**Table F3. Predictors of non-racial conspiracy endorsement (with additional control variables).**

	(1) Conspiracy endorsement
White consciousness	0.030 (0.021)
Conspiracy thinking	0.403*** (0.019)
White consciousness x Conspiracy thinking	0.054** (0.019)
Age	-0.012** (0.005)
Age (squared)	0.000 (0.000)
Woman	-0.000 (0.026)
University education	-0.078** (0.028)
Income	-0.007 (0.005)
Political interest	-0.004 (0.005)
Political knowledge	-0.011 (0.015)
Ideology (right)	0.056*** (0.006)
Satisfaction with democracy	-0.138*** (0.017)
Quebec	-0.094** (0.029)
Racial resentment	0.039 (0.021)
Outgroup thermometer	-0.003 (0.019)
White privilege	-0.042*** (0.012)
Victimhood	0.032 (0.020)
White thermometer	0.002* (0.001)
Constant	0.616*** (0.142)
Observations	1510

*Note: Standard errors in parentheses; \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .*