The Contemporary Classist Attitude Scale (CCAS): is comprised of 19 items, with four factors related to social class beliefs. The four factors demonstrated good scale score reliability and included thematic dimensions of Social Welfare Bias (α = .90), Mobility Bias (α = .79), Economic Fatalism (α = .82), and Economic Meritocracy Beliefs (α = .83). The full-scale score reliability was .90. Significant bivariate correlation coefficients were found between all subscales, as well as between all subscales and the full scale (p < .01). Subsequent confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) supported a 4-factor second order model, offering a strong and parsimonious fit to the data. Χ2 (df = 133) = 226.10, CFI = .968, RMSEA = .049, 95% CI [.037, .060], SRMR = .043. The following questions are to be scored using the 6-point scale below to capture the degree with which individuals personally agree or disagree with each statement.

1 2 3 4 5 6

Strongly Strongly

Disagree Agree

1. Relying on welfare programs prevents people from being more successful.
2. Social welfare programs can unintentionally prevent people from solving their own problems.
3. Social welfare programs tend to be abused.
4. Social welfare programs can actually keep people trapped in poverty.
5. I think people receiving social welfare should be drug tested.
6. People collecting social welfare benefits should only spend money on essential items and not on entertainment or recreational items.
7. Providing Financial Aid to college students is a better use of government funds than providing social welfare programs.
8. The best way for someone to improve their life, is to succeed in their job.
9. People should strive to make money.
10. The best way for someone to improve their life, is to save money.
11. People should strive to earn a degree/certification.
12. It is not possible for everyone to be financially successful.
13. It is not possible for everyone to be financially stable.
14. Not all groups of people are meant to be successful.
15. In our economy, in order for there to be winners, there have to be losers.
16. I believe that all people have equal protection under the law, regardless of income.
17. I believe that all people receive fair treatment in the court system, regardless of income.
18. I believe that the American Dream gives everyone an equal opportunity.
19. Minimum wage jobs pay enough to meet the basic needs of employees.

Factor 1 (Social Welfare Bias): 1 - 7

Factor 2 (Mobility Bias): 8 - 11

Factor 3 (Economic Fatalism): 12 – 15

Factor 4 (Economic Meritocracy Beliefs): 16 - 19