Community Ladder

INSTRUCTIONS:

Think of this ladder as representing a person’s status within his or her community. By community we mean friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. At the top of this ladder are the people who have the highest standing in their community and are best thought of by other community members. At the bottom are the people who have the lowest standing in their community. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top and the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.

Where, during your childhood and adolescence, would you have placed EACH of your PARENTS on this ladder? Please, place an “X” on the rung where you think your PARENTS stood during your childhood and adolescence, relative to other people in your community.

For example:

Mother       Father

[Diagram with two ladders labeled MOTHER and FATHER, with X markers on rungs indicating positions.]
INSTRUCTIONS:

Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in the United States. At the top of the ladder are the people who have the most money, most education, and most respected jobs. At the bottom are the people who have the least money, least education, and least respected jobs or no job. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top, and the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.

Where, during your childhood and adolescence, would you have placed EACH of your PARENTS on this ladder? Please, place an “X” on the rung where you think your PARENTS stood during your childhood and adolescence, relative to other people in the United States.