

# 21 Social attitudes in the GCR

GCR's Quality of Life Survey asks respondents whether they agree or disagree with the statement.

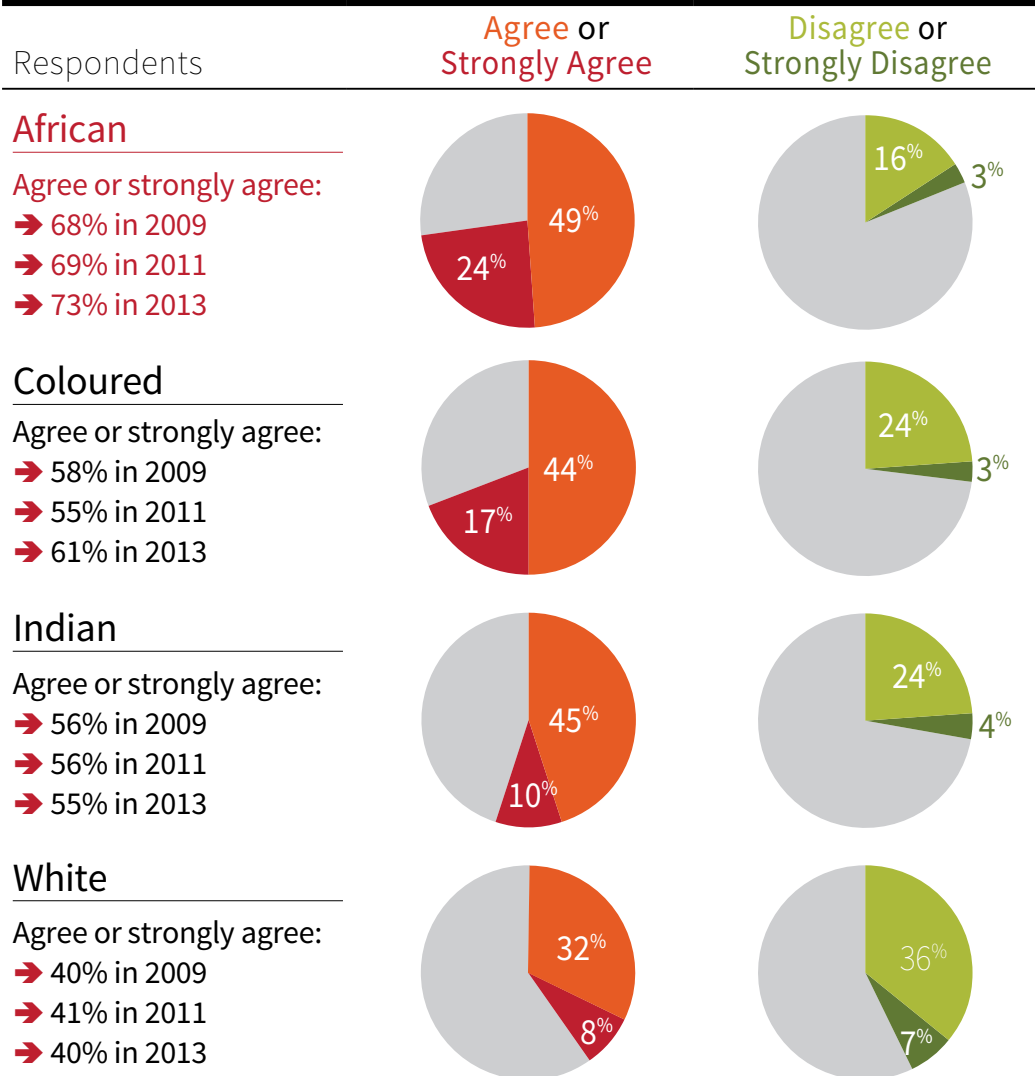
## BLACKS & WHITES WILL NEVER REALLY TRUST EACH OTHER

Non-racialism is the commitment to build a society that is free from racial hatred, animosity and distrust. It is the pursuit of social and economic equality, solidarity, trust and respect for all who live in South Africa.

It may be argued that using racial categories (for analysis) serves to cement racialisation. However, using these categories allows us to measure change in social attitudes over time and provides insight into whether we are succeeding in building a non-racial society among diverse residents of the Gauteng City-Region.



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In the 2013 Quality of Life Survey

# 66%

of respondents of all races agree or strongly agree



Although there are 'non-racialist' respondents (who strongly disagree with the notion that blacks and whites will ever trust each other) across race, income and education levels, these are by far in the minority. Non-racial attitudes tend to increase as incomes and education increase, or as the gains of South Africa's democracy are more equally experienced.

The foremost challenge will be countering mistrustful attitudes between residents of the GCR and infusing the equality debate with a commitment to non-racialism. How we nurture and grow non-racialism in the context of growing skepticism remains a key question.