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Dear Dr. [journal editor name]:

Thank you for the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript, [insert title], for consideration at [insert journal title]. We were pleased with the thoughtfulness and thoroughness of the review. We agree with the substance of the reviewer's concerns and are encouraged by the strengths they see in the manuscript and the contributions they believe our paper can make.

We are enclosing a memo detailing our responses to the reviewers' suggestions.

Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

[insert author(s) names]

Response Memo: [insert manuscript title]

Dear Dr. [editor's name] and Anonymous Reviewers:

Thank you for your constructive and thoughtful suggestions in this second round of revisions. Your review has led us to make important improvements to the manuscript. Below this text, you will find detailed responses to your suggestions.

**Reviewer 1:**

1. Page 2, line 8 can you add and more recently before the use of social-justice.

*Response: We made this change.*

2. Page 2, line 50. Can you add a sentence in our own words. You end too soon.

*Response: We were unable to respond to this comment because we couldn't locate line 50 anywhere, and could not understand the original request.*

3. Page 5, line 13, change the colon to a comma.

*Response: We made this change.*

4. Page 6, line 27 delete the quotes around All Lives Matter.

*Response: We made this change.*

**Reviewer 2:**

1. The contribution, though, remains unclear. I would like to author to spend some time at the end of the paper—after the concept of gaslighting has been illustrated—to better flesh out the implications of the X for the X literature, both works in theory and empirical works. To make up the space, I recommend the author revisit point one and tighten the first few pages.

*Response: In response to this suggestion, we added two paragraphs at the end of the section titled "Bridging Past and Present"—as a transition to the conclusion. We appreciate the suggestion to reflect on the implications of our work for X literature. Given the enormous scope of this literature, we returned, full circle, to ongoing debate and discussion of racial formation theory. We explicate in that section how we believe X offers complementary and new directions for theoretical and empirical research. We also include a footnote about how X is an invitation for intersectional analyses as well. We do not view X as a single-axis analytical framework, even though it may appear so at first.*