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* You may also note any issues you have with any particular statements (i.e. Does it contain inherent heterosexual bias? Does it reflect a very outdated attitude you have never come across about gender? Is the statement just absurd? etc.)

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* *Do you agree or disagree with your results?*
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