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**THE INFLUENCES OF FEMINIST ATTITUDES ON
WHITE RACIAL IDENTITY**

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The college years are an important time for developing multiple aspects of identity. This study investigates the influence of feminist attitudes on White racial identity. College students (N =146) completed a series of questionnaires examining White racial identity, and feminist attitudes. Higher levels of feminist attitudes were significantly associated with the second phase of racial identity, which includes the abandonment of negative White identity and the embracing of positive identity. With regard to feminist attitudes, men were more likely than women to have conservative feminist attitudes and less likely to be in the second phase of racial identity. Women were more likely than men to have radical, liberal, socialist, womanist, and cultural feminist attitudes, which were all correlated with higher racial identity scores. This information has implications for understanding how feminist attitudes influence the development of racial identity and may provide insight on ally development during college.