

Appendix 2: Summary of protocol for assigning ordinal scores and class categories

RANK	Class tag & abbreviation	Current indicators	Background indicators
7	Owning class & upper-upper-middle (OC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate degree Self-disclosed owning class Occupations: Major institution CEO, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 parents/guardians w/ grad degrees Income from investments
6	Upper-middle (UMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate degree (or grad student) Occupations: Doctor, lawyer, professor, top manager of institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 grad degree, any others BA (If born 1950s or earlier, regard only father) Income from salary only
5	Professional middle (PMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private or flagship public BA Salaried occupations: mgmt, lower professional, small nonprofit-ED or program director, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All BAs (If born 1950s or earlier, regard only father) Income from salary only
4	Lower professional (LP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public non-flagship BA Occupations: Organizer; lower mgmt; white-collar skilled Married homemaker if spouse occupation unknown Small business if specified professional (eg, tax preparer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One BA, another HS degree (If born 1950s or earlier, regard only father) Small business if specified as professional (eg, editor) Mixed salary and hourly when professional job specified (eg, journalist)
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3	Lower middle (LMC)	<p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-year; AA</li> <li>Vocational public BA (esp. older)</li> <li>Unknown whether AA or vocational BA</li> </ul> <p>Occupation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skilled trade (eg, machinist)</li> <li>Small business (unless specified professional)</li> <li>Stable salaried line staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All HS or 2-year degrees</li> <li>Small business (unless specified professional type)</li> <li>Mixed salary and hourly wages (unless specified professional job)</li> </ul>
2	Working class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS degree</li> <li>Steady waged non-mgmt job</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than 1 parent/guardian, all HS degree</li> <li>Income from hourly wages</li> </ul>
1	Chronic poverty (POV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No HS degree</li> </ul> <p>Income source:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welfare/SSI</li> <li>Erratic or PT low-paid job (unless also a student)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All parent(s) less than HS degree or</li> <li>Only one parent listed, HS degree</li> <li>Income from welfare</li> </ul>