Southern Safety Calculus by Victoria Hoover

When navigating the Texas highway system, one must make the following calculations: (Consider the rednecks following in that Silverado local exam coordinators.)

Find the square root of ancestry and divide by relative pigment of exposed skin.

Factor in the position of the moon, time of day, ambient lighting conditions, and weather.

Multiply by number of possible eyewitnesses and divide by population density of county.

Accelerate by presumed gender and number of occupants of vehicle relative to location.

Multiply for gender nonconformity, same-sex vehicle occupancy, and women traveling alone.

Factor in music, dress of occupants, decals and stickers, make, model, and color of vehicle.

Triangulate position of nearest urban area, vehicle, and most recent applicable hate crime.

Multiply by number of confederate and political flags on route, include unknown signage.

Factor in all church community message boards, pro-life billboards, general iconography.

Add driving five miles below the speed limit, checking all mirrors, silence, doubt, dread, fear.

Subtract privileges, power, hopes, independence, peace, self-respect, pride.

Calculate carefully, swiftly, and make sure to carry the fallen ones—there might be a test.

Answers determined if we arrive at our destination.