There is mounting evidence to suggest that East European migrants in the UK have been victims of discrimination. Against this backdrop, however, our research has shown that Hungarian and Romanian migrants in the UK tend to deny and deflect discrimination. Why would they do this? The scholarship on discrimination tells us minorities claim discrimination to challenge the domination upon which it’s premised. It also tells us that majorities deny discrimination to uphold those same status hierarchies. We argue that the discursive strategies preferred and proffered by East Europeans reflect their ambiguous position in Britain’s status hierarchies. Denying and deflecting discrimination helps resolve this ambiguity in their favour by aligning them with other deniers and deflecters of discrimination – a white British/European majority – thus reflecting but also reinforcing the migrants’ privileged status as white European migrants.