

[Paper Symposium, rated 5.0.

**Racial Discrimination and Psychological Outcomes: The Influence of Ethnic Identity
Integrative Statement**

The saliency of race and ethnicity in the United States can compel persons of color to contend with the construction of an ethnic identity. For some, the integration of ethnicity into one's sense of self is a developmental process that comes with growing up as a person of color in the United States. For others, ethnic identity results from immigration and adoption processes in which one has to recreate a sense of self in a new environment and culture. Yet, across these identity construction processes racial discrimination is a normative experience for most minorities (Garcia Coll et al., 1996; Williams, Neighbors & Jackson, 2003).

The three papers in this symposium address these topics with samples of Latino adolescents, adopted Korean adolescents, and US-born and immigrant Asian adults. The first paper employs growth curve analyses to model how family-level processes and discrimination influence ethnic identity exploration and resolution over a 3-year period among Latino adolescents. The second paper examines how ethnic identity moderates the association between racial discrimination and emotional problems in a sample of adolescents adopted from South Korea. The final paper examines how ethnic identity influences the relationship between discrimination and psychological distress in a national sample of US-born and immigrant Asian adults spanning young to older adulthood. Collectively, these papers represent the complex ways in which individuals of color, ranging from adolescents to older adults, develop an ethnic self in the context of racial discrimination. The papers also discuss how racial discrimination and ethnic identity influence psychological well-being.

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