EXPLORING ASIAN AMERICAN & NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER IDENTITY AND HEALTH EQUITY

Part 3 of Advancing Racial Equity Webinar Series

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QUESTIONS WE WILL ANSWER

What stereotypes and past racist policies continue to hurt AA & NH/PIs today?

How is using a single AA or NH/PIs category in decision making and data collection masking health disparities?

What steps can we take to support AA & NH/PI community members in advancing racial health equity?
MATCH develops and deploys programs and resources and engages in collaborative partnerships that support strategic community-driven efforts.

Through a field building approach, we work to evolve practice, focus priorities and shift power to support collective action on root causes of health and equity.

MATCH does this through 3 “hubs”:
- Training
- Alignment
- Engaged Research and development
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HOW DOES RACISM INFLUENCE HEALTH?

Racism prevents opportunities to improve factors that influence health.
CULTURAL IDENTITY & HISTORICAL CONTEXT: KEY COMPONENTS OF BUILDING EQUITY

- **Cultural Identity**: An individual’s identity as a member of a group with shared characteristics. They can be chosen or assigned.

AA & NA/PI & HEALTH
By 2060, Asian American population is projected to be **39 million** — or 9.3% of the entire US population (+128% increase).

The Federal, For every Kamala Harris, there’s an Andrew Yang round the corner., August 25, 2020,

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**Asian Americans: The fastest growing minority group**

- US Population

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- Meet the New Immigrants: Asians Overtake Hispanics
  - Percent of immigrants, by year of arrival, 2000-2010

- Asian Americans 2014: 19%
- Asian Americans 2050: 36%

NYU Langone Health
**Geographic Distribution**

- More than half (54%) of Asian Americans live in 4 states  
  - California, New York, Texas, New Jersey, Washington
- New York City has the largest concentration  
  - Most diverse Asian American population  
  - Large first- and second generation immigrant

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**Historical Context**

**1882 Chinese Exclusion Act**  
First time in U.S. history a specific ethnic group was barred from immigration and naturalization

![Image of Harper's Weekly](https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2010644337/)

"The [Blacks] must go" and "The Chinese must go." The poor barbarians can't understand our civilized Republican form of government – Sept 13, 1879

**1965 Immigration Act**  
Quota for Asian immigrants increased

![Graph showing the national origin mix of immigrants](https://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2010644337/)

*Source: US Citizenship and Immigration Services*
Model Minority Stereotype

TIME
Asian Americans Are Still Caught in the Trap of the ‘Model Minority’ Stereotype. And It Creates Inequality for All

BY VIET THANH NGUYEN


...The basis of anti-Asian racism is that Asians belong in Asia, no matter how many generations we have actually lived in non-Asian countries, or what we might have done to prove our belongings to non-Asian countries if we were not born there... This is what it means to be a model minority: to be invisible in most circumstances because we are doing what we are supposed to be doing... until we become hypervisible because we are doing what we do too well...

Asian Americans as the Perpetual Foreigner: Historical Examples

- U.S. Presidential Executive Order 9066, Feb 19, 1942
  - Led to internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II
Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans

“The Asian/Pacific Island minority, in aggregate, is healthier than all racial/ethnic groups in the United States…”

Heckler Report 1985

Research on Asian Americans is Sparse

- Asian Americans are the most understudied U.S. racial/ethnic minority group
  - 0.2% of federal health grants on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders (1966-2000)
  - 0.17% of NIH grants on AANHPIs (2000-2018)
    - # of amount of grants have increased since 2000, yet proportion is still the same
- A Medline/Pubmed search of articles from 1966 to 2000 reported
  - 0.01% of articles included any Asian Americans in the study sample (1966-2000)
- Lack of evidence-based programs, resources and services for Asian American populations
  - 1.4% of NYC social service funding benefited the Asian American community which makes up 15% of the population
- Not invited to participate in health disparities conversations

Data Use: Real World Example

Effect of the Affordable Care Act on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage

Thomas C. Bodenheimer, MD, Zachary M. Lemerise, MPH, Helen G. Levy, PhD, and Barbara L. Wolfe, PhD

- “We...focused on non-Hispanic Whites, non-Hispanic Blacks, and Hispanics in line with much of the literature on health disparities.”

Educational Attainment

Share with Bachelor's Degree

% of group with Bachelor’s Degree, Ages 25+


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Income

Median Household Income

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Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Racial Ethnic Minorities

Rate of Black and Latino coronavirus cases, compared with white cases

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Note: Data is through May 28.

Coronavirus cases per 10,000 people, by age and race

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Note: Data is through May 28.
Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Racial Ethnic Minorities, Including Asian Americans

NYC H+H Patients Tested for COVID-19 (N=85,328) March – May 2020

Figure 1
Risk of Hospitalization and Death among Epic Patients who Tested Positive for COVID-19
Probability of experiencing hospitalization or death compared to White patients with similar demographic characteristics and underlying health conditions.

Framework Released Sept 1, 2020:
"A significantly higher burden is experienced by Black, Hispanic or Latinx, and American Indian and Alaska Native populations."

Framework Published Oct 2, 2020:
"…prioritize promoting the vaccine to Black, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian and Alaska Native, Hawaiian Native and Pacific Islander, and other communities in which vaccine hesitancy and skepticism have been documented."
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders (NH/PI)

- Kingdom of Hawaii: 1782
- US Territory: 1898
- US State: 1959
- Territory: 1900 (Tutuila) and 1904 (Manu’a)

Military Bases in Guam
- Andersen Air Force Base
- Naval Force Marianas
- Naval Base Guam

American Samoa has the highest rate of services in US Military with causality rate in Iraq and Afghanistan more than 7 times the national average.
US Compact of Free Association (COFA)

- US Navy 1947
- Dept of the Interior: 1951
- COFA: 1986 (1994 Palau)

Between 1946 and 1958, the US detonated 67 nuclear bombs on, in and above the Marshall Islands —exiling hundreds of people from their homes.

Military Bases
- US Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands

FSM residents volunteer to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces at approximately double the per capita rate as Americans.

Top 10 States with significant NH/PI populations

Source: Office of Minority Health
NHPI Covid-19 Data

As of: April 16, 2021
Total NHPI COVID-19 Deaths: 780

Source: NHPI Covid-19 Data Policy Lab Dashboard
Enabling Services and Quality of Care

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Source: Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

Data disaggregation

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Community Involvement: T2D Prevention Program

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Classes completed before September 30, 2020

Source: Pacific Islander Diabetes Prevention Program

POLL

- My understanding of how stereotypes and past racist policies continue to hurt AA & NH/PIs today has...
  - Significantly improved.
  - Moderately improved.
  - A little improved.
  - Not improved.
CHR&R’S EQUITY ACTION LEARNING GUIDES

- Blend of guidance, tools, and hands-on practice to help you get started and support community change

- Topics include:
  - Promoting health and equity
  - Understanding root causes of inequity and
  - Partnering with residents

QUESTIONS?
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American Public Health Association

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Tulsa Health Department
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