Building a Culture of Health: The Role of Ethnic/Racial Data Disaggregation

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Ethnic/Racial Data Disaggregation Convening #3
Native Hawaiian

Chamorro
French Polynesian
Marshallese
Palauan
Tongan
Samoan
Fijian
Polynesian
Micronesian
But What Do We Usually See?

- Hispanic/Latino, Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Multiracial, Other
- Hispanic/Latino, Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Other
- White, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Other
- White, Other
“Asian Americans are the highest-income, best-educated, and fastest-growing racial group...They are more satisfied than the general public with their lives [and] finances....”
So What’s the Big Deal?

**U.S. NEWS**

*Asians Top Immigration Class*
Fastest-Growing Population Group Supplies U.S. With Skilled Workers, Study Says

**THE SATURDAY ESSAY**

*Rise of the Tiger Nation*
Asian-Americans are now the country’s best-educated, highest-earning and fastest-growing racial group. They share with American Jews both the distinction and the occasional burden of immigrant success.

**SFGATE**

*Asian American immigrants outpace Latinos*
IMMIGRATION Group has highest incomes, is best-educated and happier
Hidden Disparities
“We envision a future in which we, as a nation, will strive together to build a *Culture of Health* enabling all in our diverse society to lead healthy lives, now and for generations to come.”
RWJF’s Current Effort to Disaggregate Data

- **Phase 1: Learn**
  - Individual Reviews *within* Ethnic/Racial Groups
  - Policy Link as Thought Partner

- **Phase 2: Synthesize**
  - Unique and Common Themes *across* Ethnic/Racial Groups

- **Phase 3: Build a Network and Action Agenda**
  - Series of Convenings (LA, ATL, DC)
Immediate Goals

■ Build Network
  • Work across Silos

■ Develop Action Agenda
  • Not just RWJF
  • Action, advocacy, research
  • Opportunities and barriers
  • Baby steps
Don’t fall down the rabbit hole.
“Oil! We’re rich!”

Remember the “so what?”. 
Push us in the right direction.
The Collaborators

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