

Ethnic Attrition Over Generations Since Migration: The Role of Race and The Latino Panethnic Core

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<p style="text-align: center;">MOTIVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethnic Attrition produces a problem in measuring the socioeconomic progress of Mexican Americans and other Latino ethnic groups - Ethnic Attrition is high among third-or-later generation youth of Latino/Latin American ancestry - We don't know enough about the nature of ethnic attrition 	<p style="text-align: center;">RESEARCH QUESTIONS</p> <p>RQ1: Is there a link between race, the Latino panethnic core, and ethnic attrition among youth of Latino ancestry?</p> <p>RQ2: How does ethnic attrition among youth of Latino ancestry evolve over time?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p> <p>Multiple dimensions of race (Roth 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Self-classified race</i>: when people select a racial category from a predefined list presented to them - <i>Phenotype</i>: observable physical characteristics such as skin tone or hair color <p>The ethnic identity continuum (Telles and Sue 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Third- and fourth- generation Mexican Americans experience their Mexican American ethnicity differently, from symbolic to consequential - <i>Symbolic ethnicity (Gans 1979)</i>: ethnic identity has little impact on individuals' lives, political mobilization, or socioeconomic outcomes - <i>Consequential ethnicity</i>: ethnic identity is hard to avoid and is shaped by social constraints <p>The Ethnic Core (Telles and Sue 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Composed of ethnic networks, organizations, institutions, and cultural diffusion (e.g., ethnic media and culture) - Ethnicity is more consequential for individuals with stronger engagement with the Mexican American ethnic core - <i>Latino Panethnic Core</i>: I argue that there is such a core in the United States <p>Race and consequential ethnicity (Telles and Sue 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individuals read as non-white ("observed" or "appraised" race) with characteristics associated with being Latino will lean towards the consequential end of the ethnic continuum <p>Racial Fluidity (Davenport 2020; Saperstein and Penner 2012)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Contextual fluidity</i> (Telles and Paschel 2014) 	<p style="text-align: center;">DATA AND METHODS</p> <p>Add Health dataset: Waves 1 (ages 11-21), 3, and 5</p> <p>Analytic sample: respondents fulfilling 4 criteria to proxy Latino/Latin American ancestry</p> <p>Outcome: indicator for ethnic attrition (i.e. respondent does not classify as Hispanic or Latino). Waves 1, 3, 5</p> <p>Explanatory Variables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Generation since migration (1.5, 2nd, third or later) + <i>Race</i>: self-classified race (Wave 1) and perceived skin tone (Wave 3) + <i>Ethnic ties and language practices</i>: local prevalence of Latinos (county and Census tract), having a previous or current Latino spouse/partner, Spanish proficiency and use, non-English music or media consumption + <i>Wave 1 SES</i>: parents' college completion, household income, ability to pay bills + Respondent's college completion <p>Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Cross-sectional OLS regressions (LPM) + Transition tables + Fixed-Effects panel regression (LPM) with select variables
	<p style="text-align: center;">FINDINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The "generation clock" effect on ethnic attrition is explained out by race, ethnic ties, and language practices - Compared to self-classified white respondents, those who classify as "other" have 10% lower ethnic attrition - Respondents who don't have white skin have 10% lower ethnic attrition than white-skinned respondents - Local prevalence of Latinos, having a Latino partner/spouse, and engaging with the Spanish language reduce ethnic attrition - Support for the Latino panethnic core, consequential ethnicity, contextual ethnic fluidity, and ethnoraciality