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## Perspective

### Strategic vision for improving human health at The Forefront of Genomics

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# The Forefront of Genomics<sup>®</sup>

## Guiding principles and values for human genomics

- **Maintain an overarching focus on using genomics to understand biology, to enhance knowledge about disease, and to improve human health** — genomics is now foundational across the entire continuum of biomedical research, from deciphering fundamental principles of biology to translating that knowledge into disease prevention and medical advances.

- **Strive for global diversity in all aspects of genomics research, committing to the systematic inclusion of ancestrally diverse and underrepresented individuals in major genomic studies** — attention to diversity in genomics research is both socially just and scientifically essential, which includes meaningful, sustained partnerships with diverse communities in the design and implementation of research studies, the propagation of research findings, and the development and use of new technologies.

- **Maximize the usability of genomics for all members of the public, including the ability to access genomics in healthcare** — engagement, inclusion, and understanding the needs of diverse and medically underserved groups are required to ensure that all members of society benefit equitably from genomic advances, with particular attention given to the equitable use of genomics in healthcare that avoids exacerbating and strives towards reducing health disparities.

- **Champion a diverse genomics workforce** — the promise of genomics cannot be fully achieved without attracting, developing, and retaining a diverse workforce, which includes individuals from groups that are currently underrepresented in the genomics enterprise.

- **Provide a conceptual research framing that consistently examines the role of both genomic and non-genomic contributors to health and disease** — routinely considering the

importance of social and environmental factors that influence human health (and the interactions among those components and genomics) will be important for the comprehensive understanding of most human diseases.

- **Promote robust and consistently applied standards in genomics research**

— the use of carefully defined standards (for example, those for generating, analysing, storing, and sharing data) has benefited genomics in numerous ways, and this must include appropriate privacy and data-security protections for those participating in genomics research.

- **Embrace the interdisciplinary and team-oriented nature of genomics research** — starting with the Human Genome Project, some of the most challenging genomics endeavours have benefited from the creation and management of large, interdisciplinary research collaborations.

- **Adhere to the highest expectations and requirements related to open science, responsible data sharing, and rigor and reproducibility in genomics research** — the genomics enterprise has a well-respected history of leading in these areas, and that commitment must be built upon and continually reaffirmed.

- **Pursue advances in genomics as part of a vibrant global community of genomics researchers and funders** — the challenges in genomics require the collective energies and creativity of a collaborative international ecosystem that includes partnerships among researchers, funders, and other stakeholders from academia, government, and the commercial sector.





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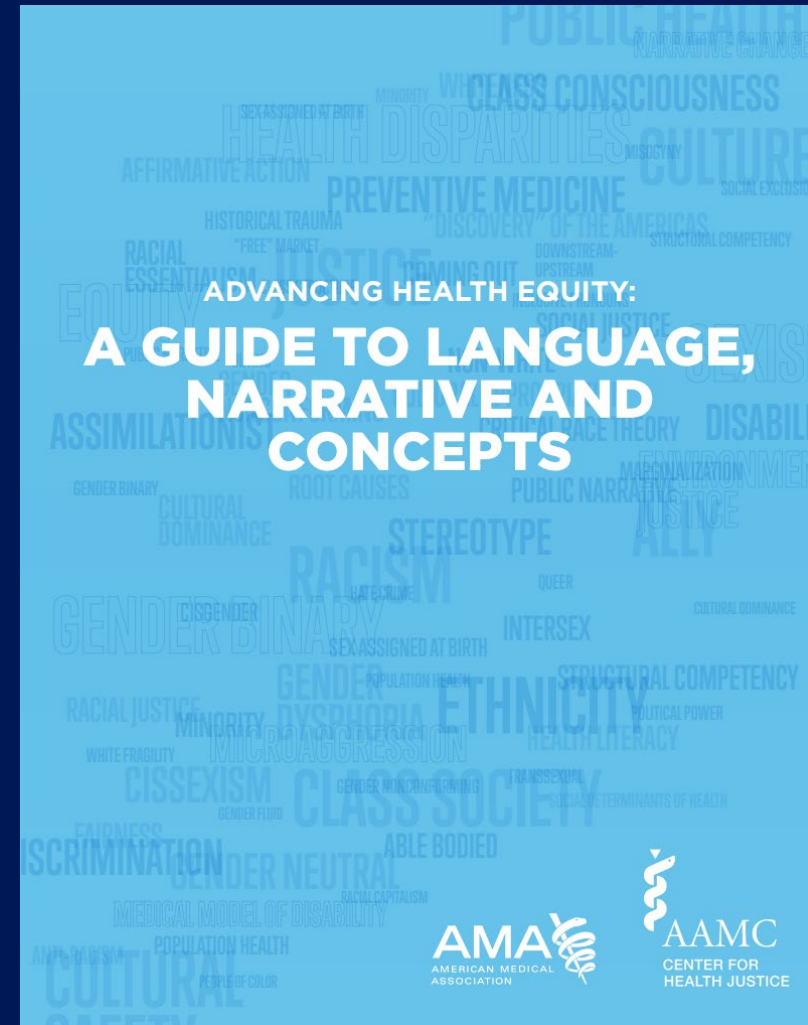




# Health Equity in Genomics

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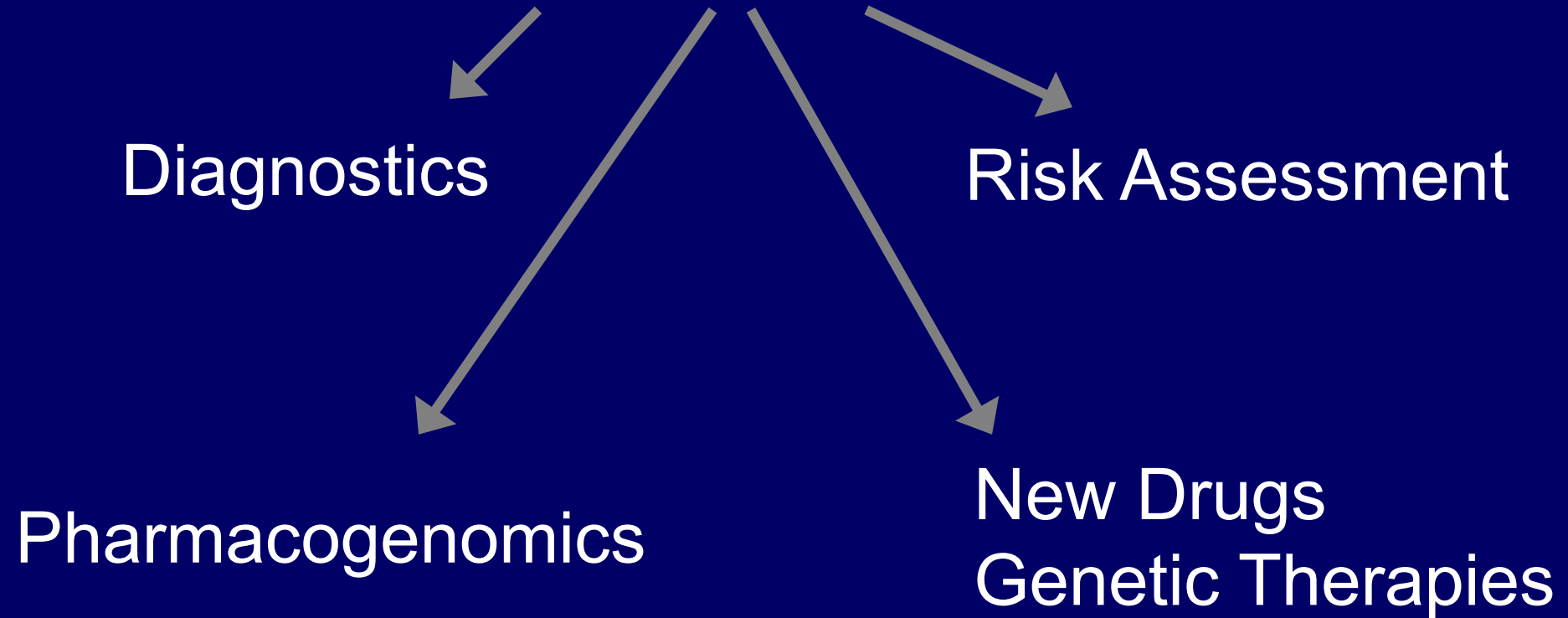
“Health equity work requires an acknowledgment and reconsideration of previously taken for granted beliefs about health (and how it is produced), the health care and public health systems (and how they work), and society (and how it is set up to advantage some and disadvantage others).”



# Will Everyone Benefit?

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Genomic and Precision Medicine





**Diverse communities  
face barriers in accessing  
genomic medicine**

# COMMENT

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Certain drugs may be less effective, or even unsafe, in some populations because of genetic differences.

## Genomics is failing on diversity

An analysis by **Alice B. Popejoy** and **Stephanie M. Fullerton** indicates that some populations are still being left behind on the road to precision medicine.

**A** 2009 analysis revealed that 96% of participants in genome-wide association studies (GWAS) were of European descent<sup>1</sup>. Such studies scan the genomes of thousands of people to find variants associated with disease traits. The finding prompted warnings that a much broader range of populations should be investigated<sup>2</sup> to avoid genomic medicine being of benefit merely to "a privileged few".

Seven years on, we've updated that

analysis. Our findings indicate that the proportion of individuals included in GWAS who are not of European descent has increased to nearly 20%. Much of this rise, however, is a result of more studies being done in Asia on populations of Asian ancestry. The degree to which people of African and Latin American ancestry, Hispanic people and indigenous peoples are represented in GWAS has barely shifted.

Thus, more than 20 years after the

US National Institutes of Health (NIH) mandated the inclusion of diverse participants in the biomedical research it funds, GWAS funded by the NIH and other sources are continuing to miss a vast portion of the world's genetic variation.

Over the past decade, GWAS have been the preferred tool for discovering the genetic factors involved in common diseases. Tens of thousands of significant associations between genetic variants and biological traits have

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## PERSISTENT BIAS

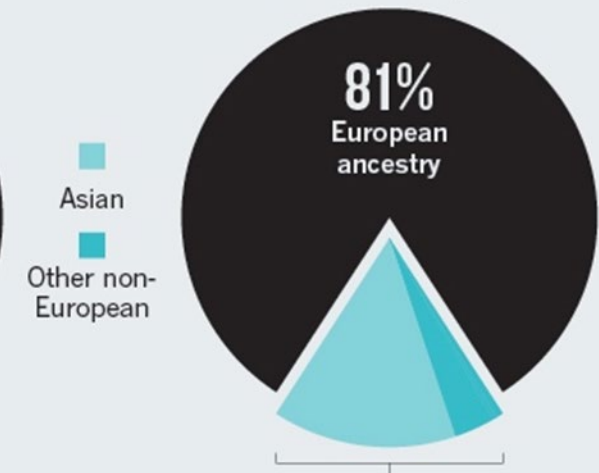
Over the past seven years, the proportion of participants in genome-wide association studies (GWAS) that are of Asian ancestry has increased. Groups of other ancestries continue to be very poorly represented.

**2009**  
373 studies  
1.7 million samples



4% Non-European ancestry

**2016**  
2,511 studies  
35 million samples

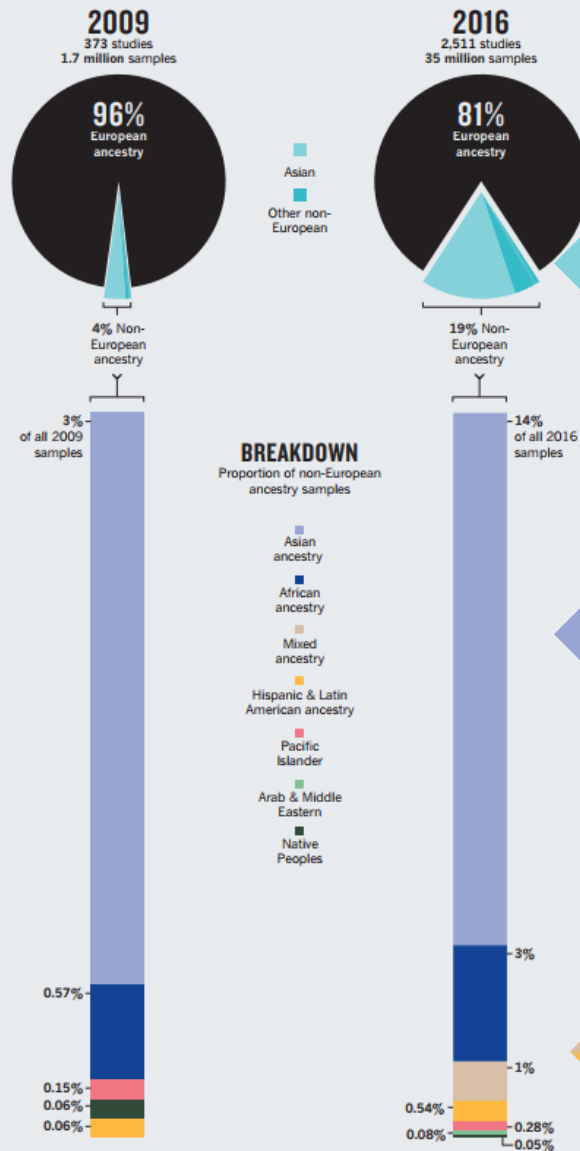


19% Non-European ancestry

Asian  
Other non-European

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**5X** increase in non-European samples

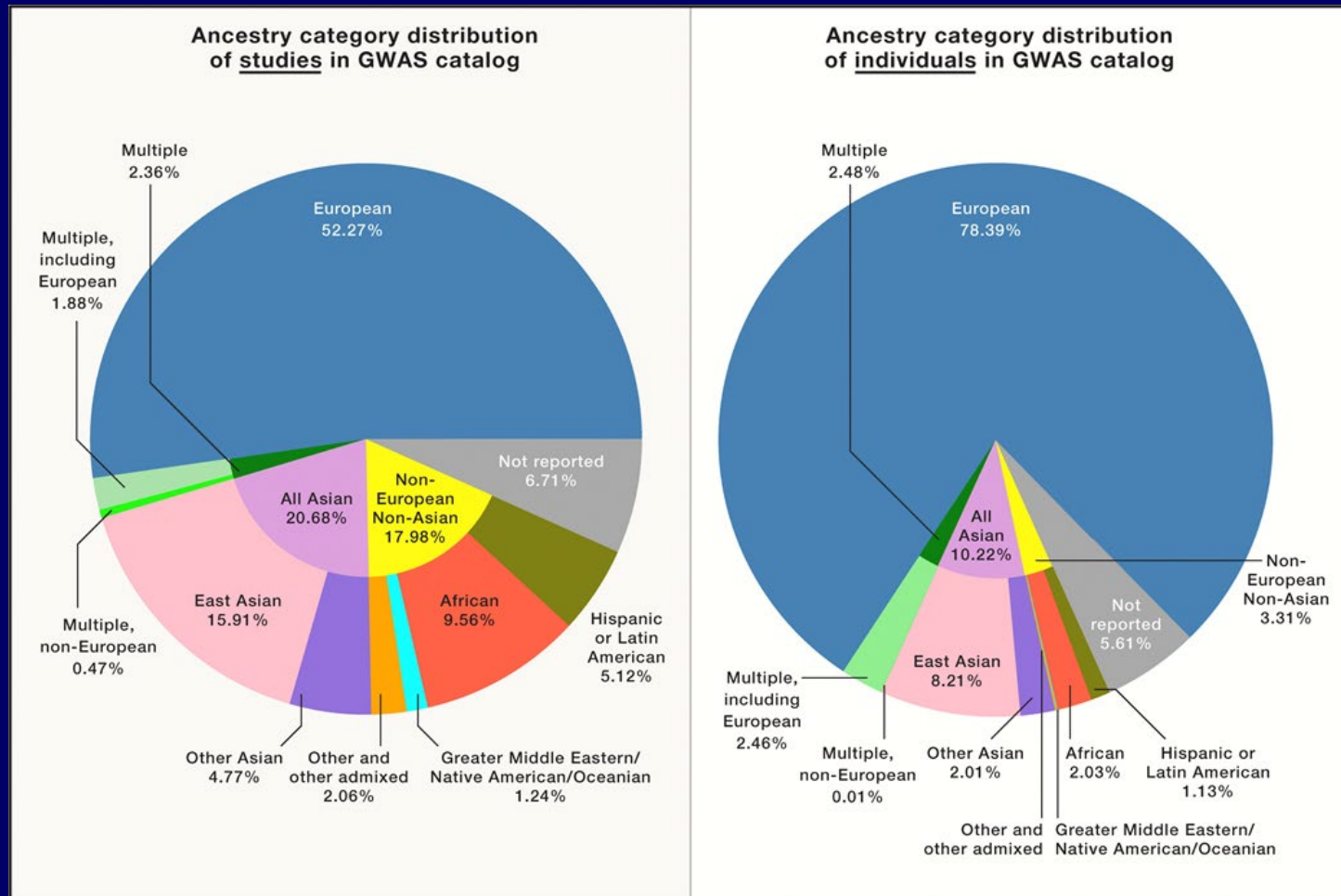
**78%** of this increase from populations with Asian ancestry

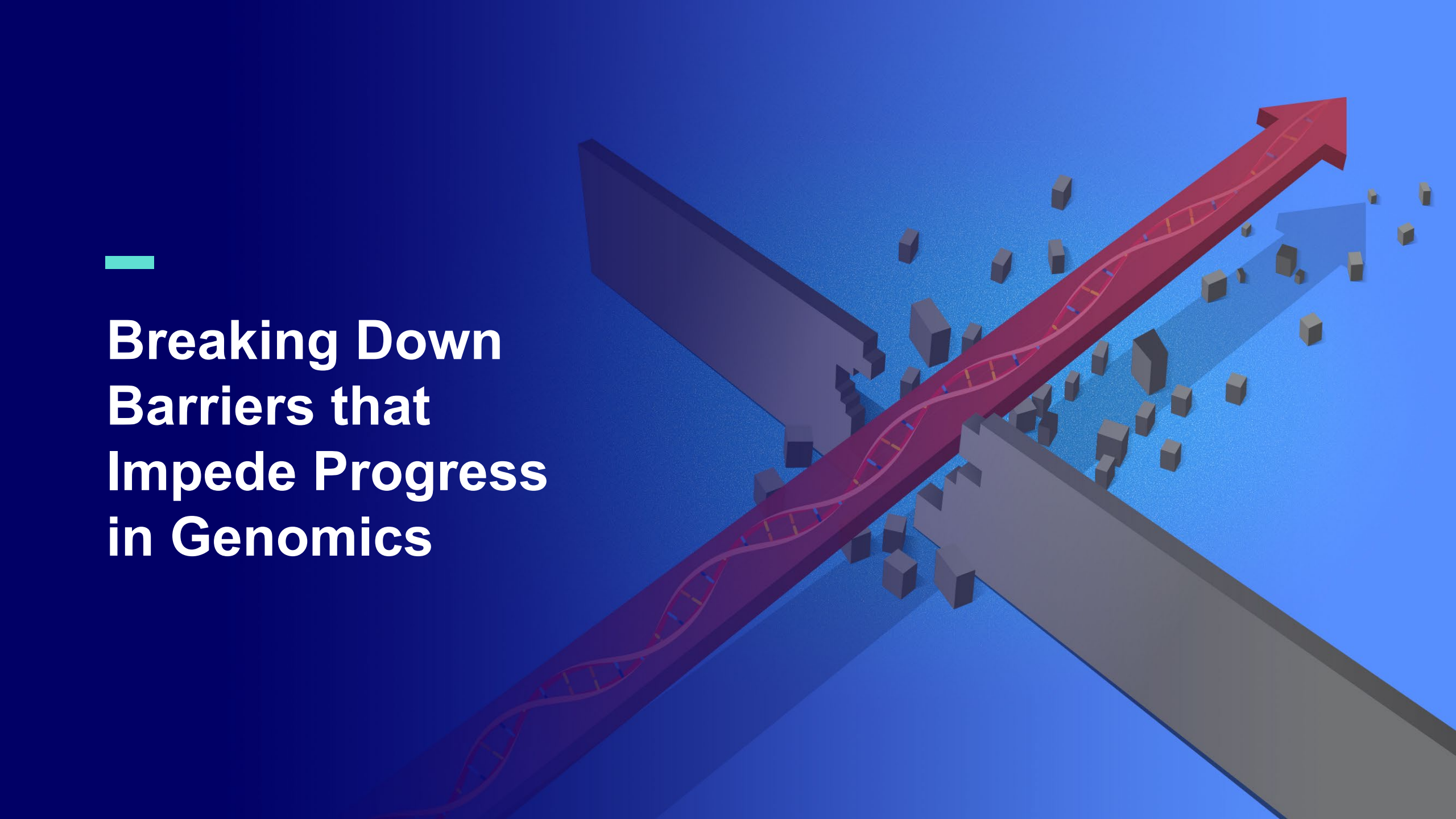
All other ancestral populations make up **less than 4%**

Terms for ethnicity are those used in the GWAS Catalog. Some have changed between 2009 and 2016 as sampling has increased. Samples of European origin have the most specific descriptions of population ancestry.



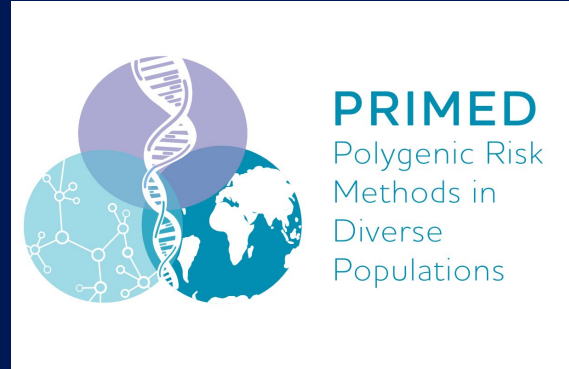
# The Missing Diversity in Human Genetics Studies





**Breaking Down  
Barriers that  
Impede Progress  
in Genomics**

# Leading the Way at NHGRI



60 -  
75%





# Race in the Clinic

# Multiple dimensions of race

Race that  
others believe  
you to be

Perceived  
race

Reflected  
race

Race you  
believe others  
assume you to  
be

Racial  
identity

Race you identify as

**2004**

# Race and ethnicity are complex and fluid

“First, it is essential to point out that ‘race’ and ‘ethnicity’ are terms without generally agreed upon definitions. Both terms carry complex connotations that reflect culture, history, socioeconomic and political status, as well as a variably important connection to ancestral geographic origins.”

**2007**

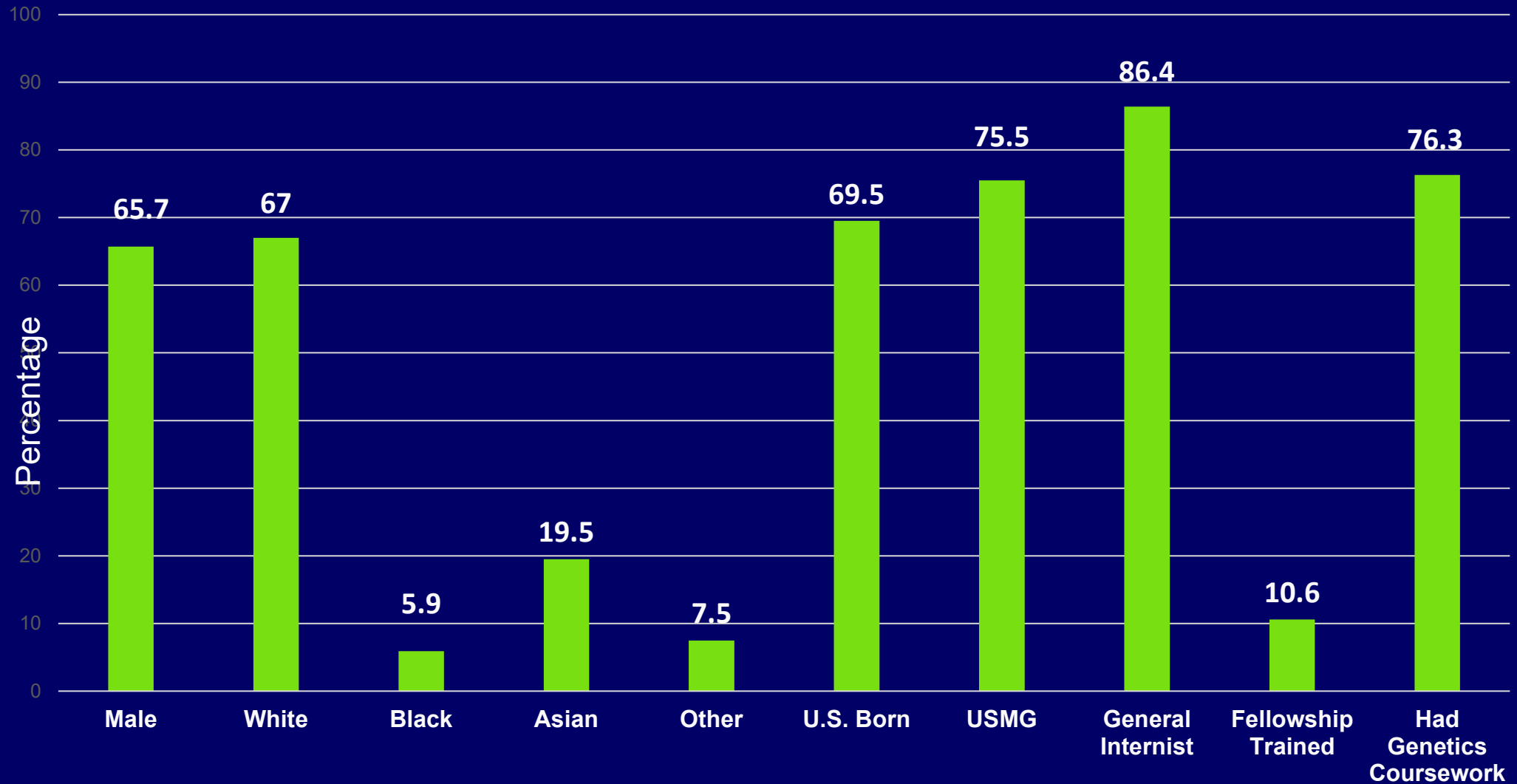


“Both black and white physicians concluded that the race of the patient is medically relevant but did not agree upon why race is important in clinical decisions”

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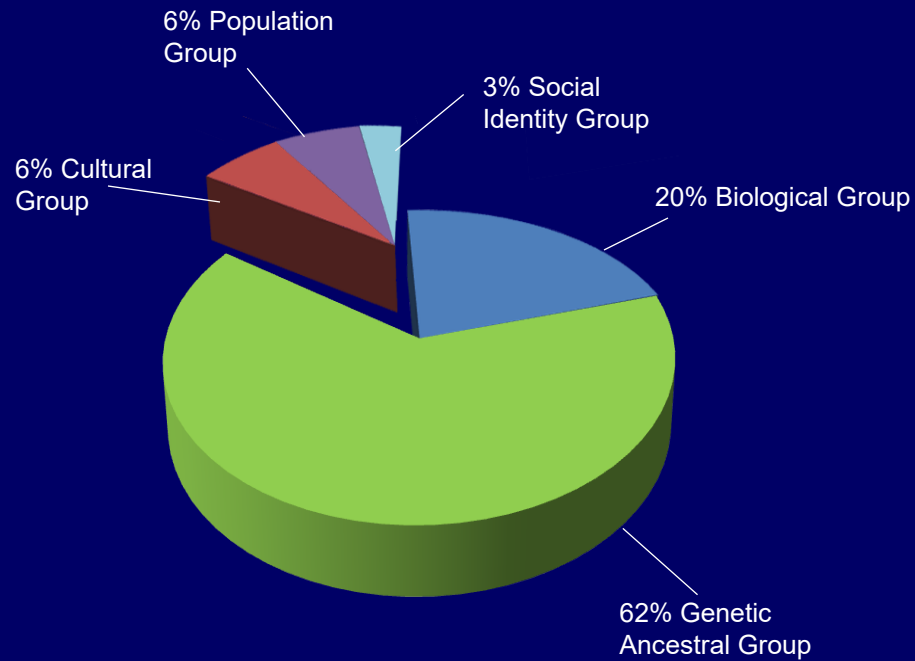
**2011**

# Characteristics of Physician Respondents (n=787)

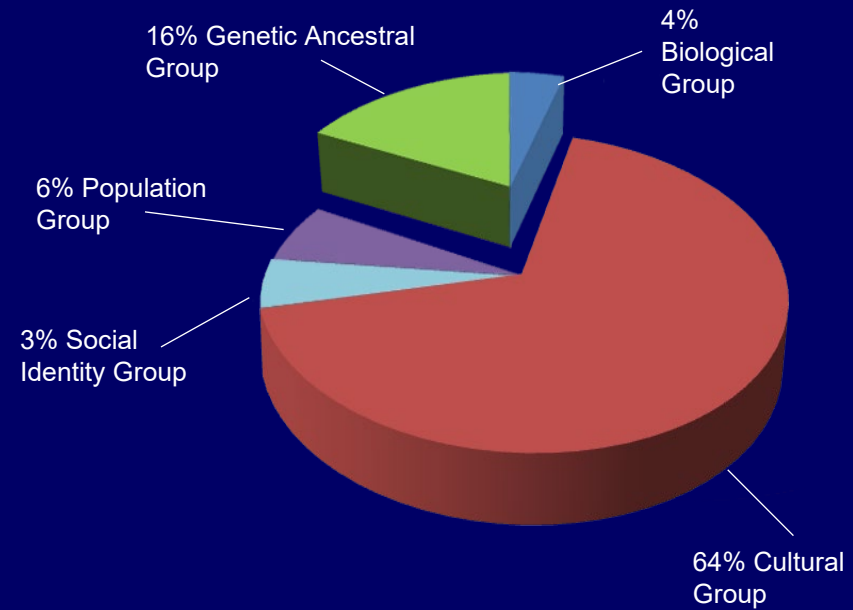


# The Meaning of 'Race' and 'Ethnicity'

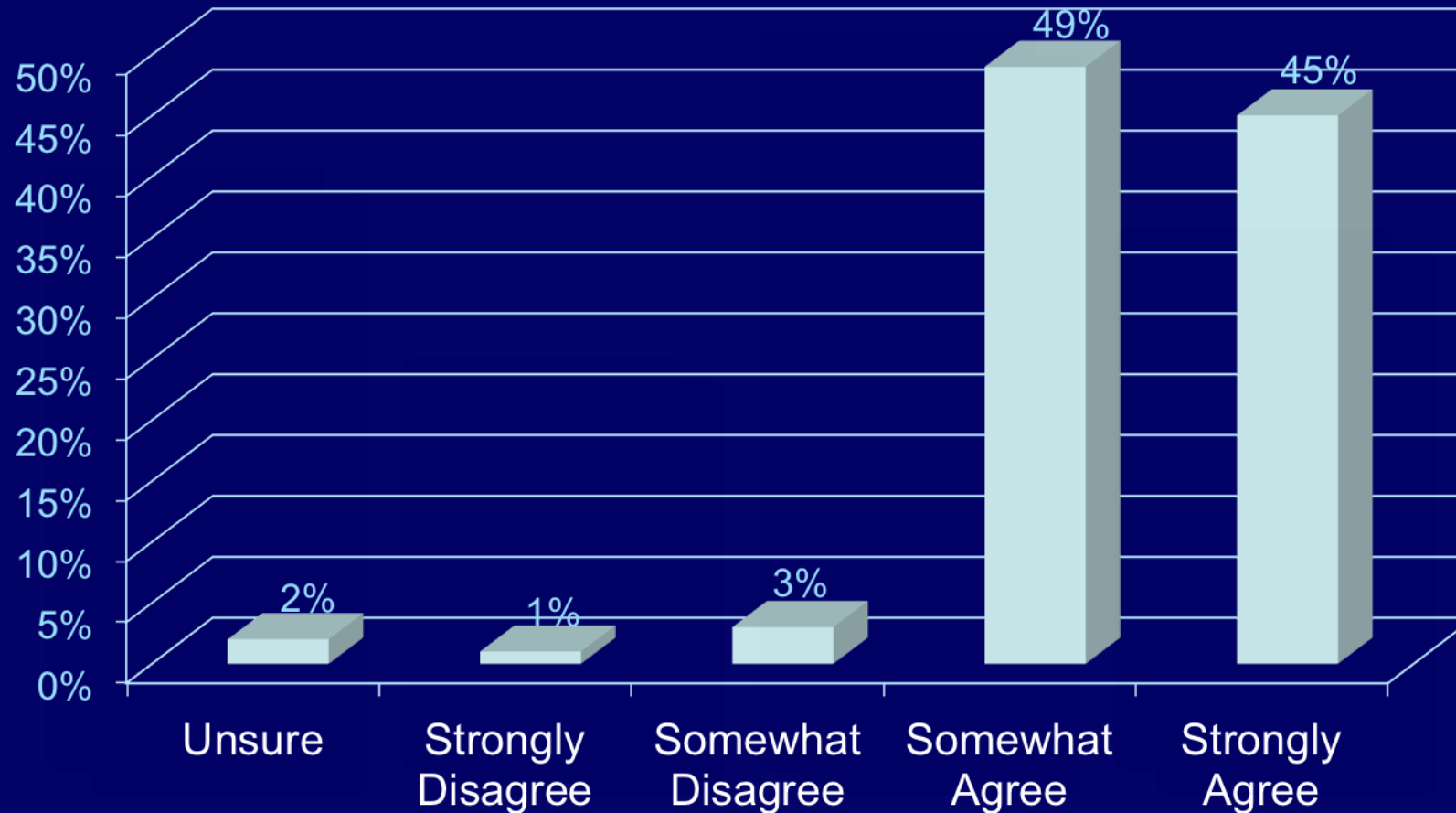
## 'Race'



## 'Ethnicity'

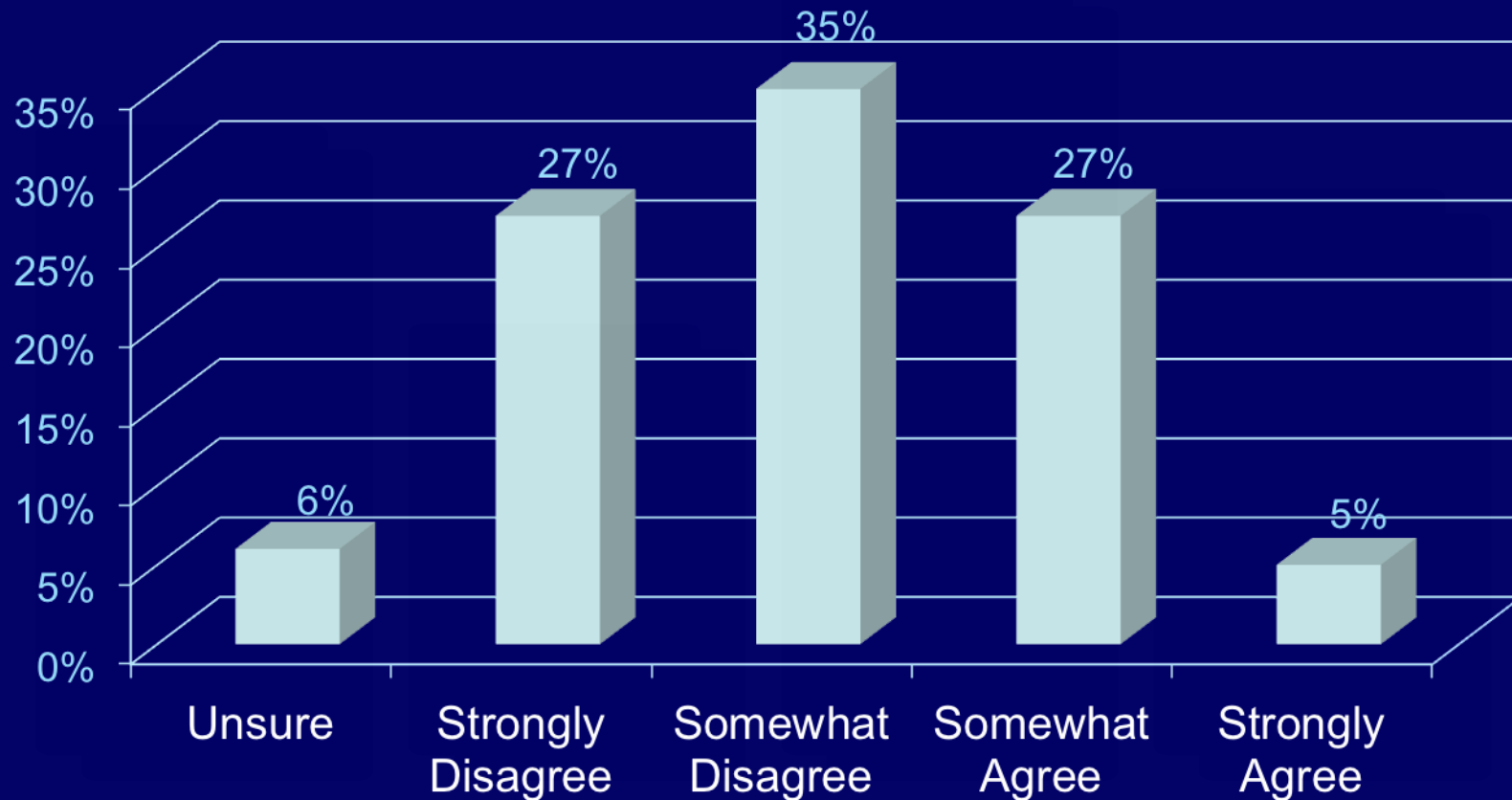


# Biological difference between racial groups affect health outcome differences





# Race is the best proxy clinicians have to identify genetic effects on health



# Genetic Variation Knowledge Assessment Index (GKAI)

**Table 1 Items for the genetic variation knowledge assessment index (GKAI)**

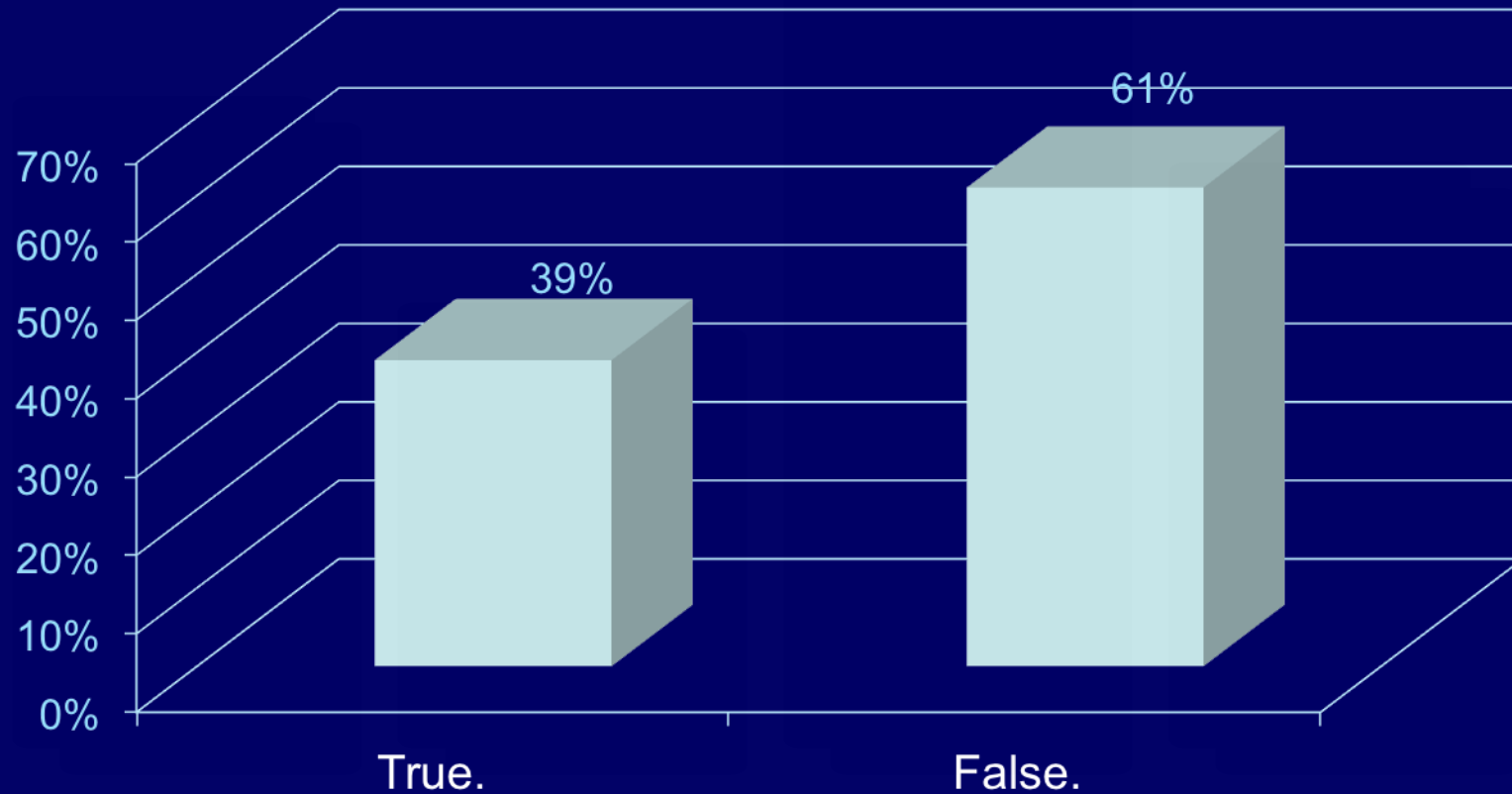
ITEM#	QUESTION	†ANSWER
GKAI1	The DNA sequences of two randomly selected healthy individuals of the same sex are 90-95% identical.	False (22%)**
GKAI2	Most common diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, are caused by a single gene variant.	False (80%)
GKAI3*	Common structural genetic variation (changes in the human genome such as deletions, duplications and large-scale copy-number variants) is important in health and disease.	True (90%)
GKAI4	All the genetic variation in an individual can be attributed to either spontaneous (i.e., de novo) or inherited changes in the human genome.	True (60%)
GKAI5*	The variation in the human genome includes both disease-causing gene variants and variants that have no effect on health and disease.	True (92%)
GKAI6	Individual genetic variants are usually highly predictive of the manifestation of common disease.	False (60%)
GKAI7	Prevalence of many Mendelian diseases differs by racial groups.	True (69%)
GKAI8	Self-reported race is informative of a racial group's genetic ancestral background.	True (39%)

\*Item not included in final scoring.

†Correct answer.

\*\*Numbers in parentheses indicate the percentage of respondents who answered the question correctly.

# Self reported race is informative of a racial group's genetic ancestral background (True or False)



# Racial Attributes in Clinical Evaluation (RACE) Measure



**Table 3 Items and standardized factor loadings for the Racial Attributes in Clinical Evaluation (RACE) scale**

ITEM#	QUESTION	LOADINGS
RACE1	I consider information from patients about their racial background.	.61
RACE2	I consider my patients race to better understand their genetic predispositions.	.69
RACE3	I consider my patients race when making decisions about which medications to prescribe.	.74
RACE4	I consider my patients race in determining genetic risk for common, complex diseases (e.g. kidney disease or diabetes).	.77
RACE5	I consider my patients race in making medication dosage decisions.	.64
RACE6	I consider my patients race when determining age of initiation of screening for certain diseases.	.66
RACE7	I consider my patients race in determining how aggressively to treat particular diseases.	.61
RACE8*	I consider my patients race in determining genetic risk for single gene conditions (e.g. cystic fibrosis or sickle cell disease).	

\*Item not included in final scoring.

RACE measure yield one factor (alpha=.86, 7 items)

# Physicians' Anxiety Due to Clinical Uncertainty & Use of Race

We found that general internists with higher anxiety due to clinical uncertainty report using race in medical decision making at higher levels than those with lower anxiety due to understanding.

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**Hidden in Plain Sight — Reconsidering the Use  
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**Table 1. Examples of Race Correction in Clinical Medicine.\***

Table 1. Exa	Tool and Clinical Utility	Input Variables	Use of Race	Equity Concern
Tool and Cl Cardiology	Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium Risk Calculator <sup>19</sup> ( <a href="https://tools.bcsc-&lt;br/&gt;scc.org/BC5yearRisk/calculator.htm">https://tools.bcsc- scc.org/BC5yearRisk/calculator.htm</a> ) <i>Estimates 5- and 10-yr risk of developing breast cancer in women with no previous</i>	Age Race/ethnicity: white, black, Asian, Native American, other/multiple races, unknown BIRADS breast density score	The coefficients rank the race/ethnicity categories in the following descending order of risk: white, American Indian, black, Hispanic, Asian.	Returns lower risk estimates for all nonwhite race/ethnicity categories, potentially reducing the likelihood of close surveillance in these patients.
The Americ Nephrology	Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) MDRD and CKD-EPI equations <sup>11</sup> ( <a href="https://ukidney.com/nephrology-&lt;br/&gt;resources/egfr-calculator">https://ukidney.com/nephrology- resources/egfr-calculator</a> ) <i>Estimates glomerular filtration rate on the basis of a measurement of serum creatinine.</i>	Serum creatinine Age and sex Race: black vs. white or other	The MDRD equation reports a higher eGFR (by a factor of 1.210) if the patient is identified as black. This adjustment is similar in magnitude to the correction for sex (0.742 if female). The CKD-EPI equation (which included a larger number of black patients in the study population), proposes a more modest race correction (by a factor of 1.159) if the patient is identified as black. This correction is larger than the correction for sex (1.018 if female).	Both equations report higher eGFR values (given the same creatinine measurement) for patients identified as black, suggesting better kidney function. These higher eGFR values may delay referral to specialist care or listing for kidney transplantation.
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	<i>diagnose and monitor pulmonary disease</i>			racial/ethnic minorities (e.g., in asthma and COPD). <sup>23</sup>

# Reconsidering the Use of Race Correction in Clinical Algorithms

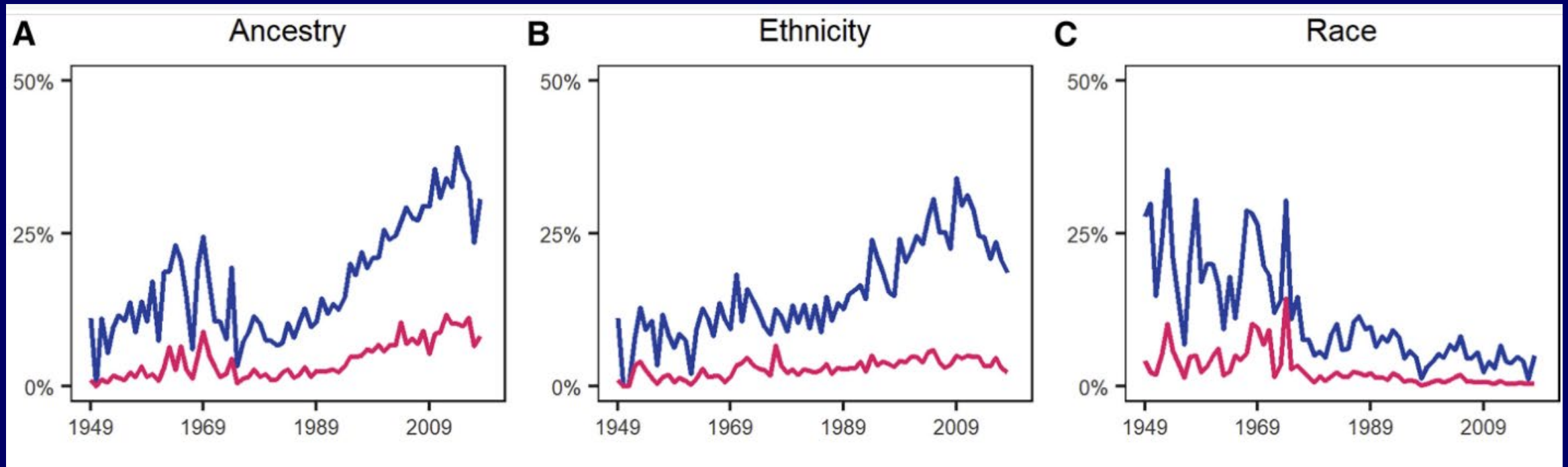
“Our understanding of race has advanced considerably in the past decades. The clinical tools we use daily should reflect these new insights to remain scientifically rigorous. Equally important is the project of making medicine a more antiracist field. This involves revising how clinicians conceptualize race to begin with.”

# Evolving use of ancestry, ethnicity, and race in genetics research

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Evolving use of ancestry, ethnicity, and race in genetics research—A survey spanning seven decades

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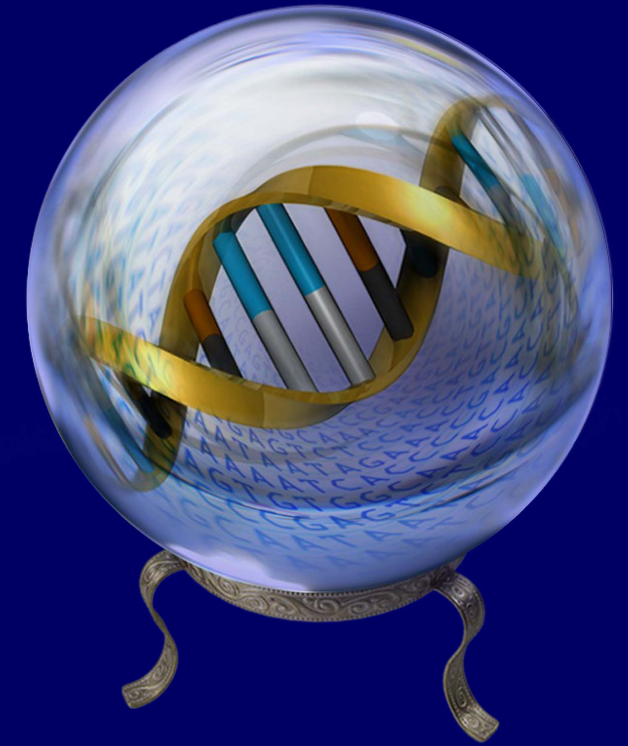
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## Box 5

# Bold predictions for human genomics by 2030

Some of the most impressive genomics achievements, when viewed in retrospect, could hardly have been imagined ten years earlier. Here are ten bold predictions for human genomics that might come true by 2030. Although most are unlikely to be fully attained, achieving one or more of these would require individuals to strive for something that currently seems out of reach. These predictions were crafted to be both inspirational and aspirational in nature, provoking discussions about what might be possible at The Forefront of Genomics in the coming decade.

1. Generating and analysing a complete human genome sequence will be routine for any research laboratory, becoming as straightforward as carrying out a DNA purification.
2. The biological function(s) of every human gene will be known; for non-coding elements in the human genome, such knowledge will be the rule rather than the exception.
3. The general features of the epigenetic landscape and transcriptional output will be routinely incorporated into predictive models of the effect of genotype on phenotype.
4. Research in human genomics will have moved beyond population descriptors based on historic social constructs such as race.
5. Studies that involve analyses of genome sequences and associated phenotypic information for millions of human participants will be regularly featured at school science fairs.
6. The regular use of genomic information will have transitioned from boutique to mainstream in all clinical settings, making



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- equitably from advances in human genomics.
10. Breakthrough discoveries will lead to curative therapies involving genomic modifications for dozens of genetic diseases.



# NASEM Consensus Study

- **14 NIH Institutes, Centers, Offices, & Programs co-sponsoring study (NHGRI as co-lead)**
- **Review existing methodologies, benefits, and challenges in the use of race and ethnicity and other population descriptors in genomics research**
- **Study committee announced on February 2**
- **Three public meetings planned**
- **Final report in February 2023**



## Box 1

• **Champion a diverse genomics workforce** — the promise of genomics cannot be fully achieved without attracting, developing, and retaining a diverse workforce, which includes individuals from groups that are currently underrepresented in the genomics enterprise.

**and underrepresented individuals in major genomic studies**

— attention to diversity in genomics research is both socially just and scientifically essential, which includes meaningful, sustained partnerships with diverse communities in the design and implementation of research studies, the propagation of research findings, and the development and use of new technologies.

• **Maximize the usability of genomics for all members of the public, including the ability to access genomics in healthcare**

— engagement, inclusion, and understanding the needs of diverse and medically underserved groups are required to ensure that all members of society benefit equitably from genomic advances, with particular attention given to the equitable use of genomics in healthcare that avoids exacerbating and strives towards reducing health disparities.

• **Champion a diverse genomics workforce** — the promise of genomics cannot be fully achieved without attracting, developing, and retaining a diverse workforce, which includes individuals from groups that are currently underrepresented in the genomics enterprise.

• **Provide a conceptual research framing that consistently examines the role of both genomic and non-genomic contributors to health and disease** — routinely considering the

— the use of carefully defined standards (for example, those for generating, analysing, storing, and sharing data) has benefited genomics in numerous ways, and this must include appropriate privacy and data-security protections for those participating in genomics research.

• **Embrace the interdisciplinary and team-oriented nature of genomics research** — starting with the Human Genome Project, some of the most challenging genomics endeavours have benefited from the creation and management of large, interdisciplinary research collaborations.

• **Adhere to the highest expectations and requirements related to open science, responsible data sharing, and rigor and reproducibility in genomics research** — the genomics enterprise

has a well-respected history of leading in these areas, and that commitment must be built upon and continually reaffirmed.

• **Pursue advances in genomics as part of a vibrant global community of genomics researchers and funders** — the challenges in genomics require the collective energies and creativity of a collaborative international ecosystem that includes partnerships among researchers, funders, and other stakeholders from academia, government, and the commercial sector.

## The genomics workforce must become more diverse: a strategic imperative

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### Building a Diverse Genomics Workforce: An NHGRI Action Agenda

The Forefront of Genomics



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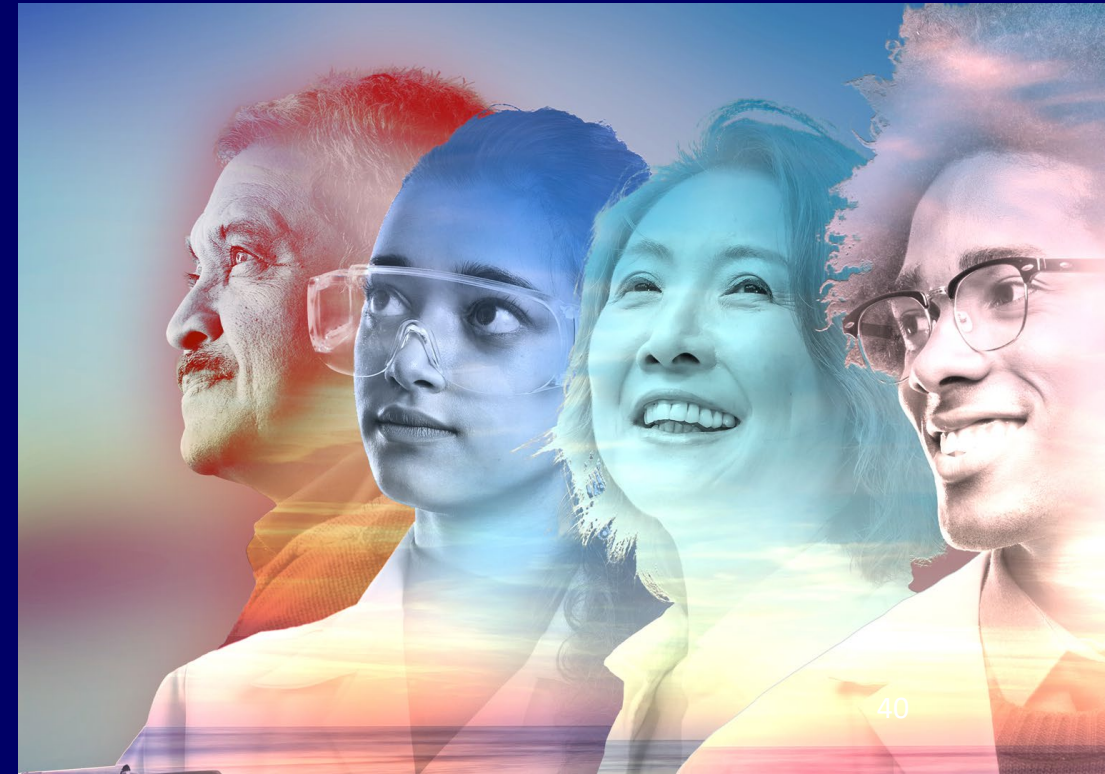


# Training Diversity and Health Equity Office (TiDHE)

- Office was developed in April 2021 in the Office of the Director and expanded to include the Extramural Research Program (ERP) training in September 2021

## **Mission:**

- Coordinate, develop and support NHGRI training programs for genomics careers
- Develop and support initiatives to enhance genomic workforce diversity and genomic health equity
- Provide strategic programmatic leadership for training, diversity and health equity at NHGRI



# Training Diversity and Health Equity Office (TiDHE)

- Work as a Team with NHGRI Leadership and Staff
- Build Partnerships
- Initiate Programs to Advance Health Equity
- Support NHGRI Training Programs
- Conduct Training, Diversity and Health Disparities Portfolio Analysis
- Advise and Incubate the Development of New Programs
- Engage NHGRI and NIH Community
- Facilitate NHGRI and Trans NIH Programs
- Represent NHGRI in NIH Diversity and Health Equity Efforts
- Convene the Scientific Community for the Advancement of Training, Diversity and Health Equity

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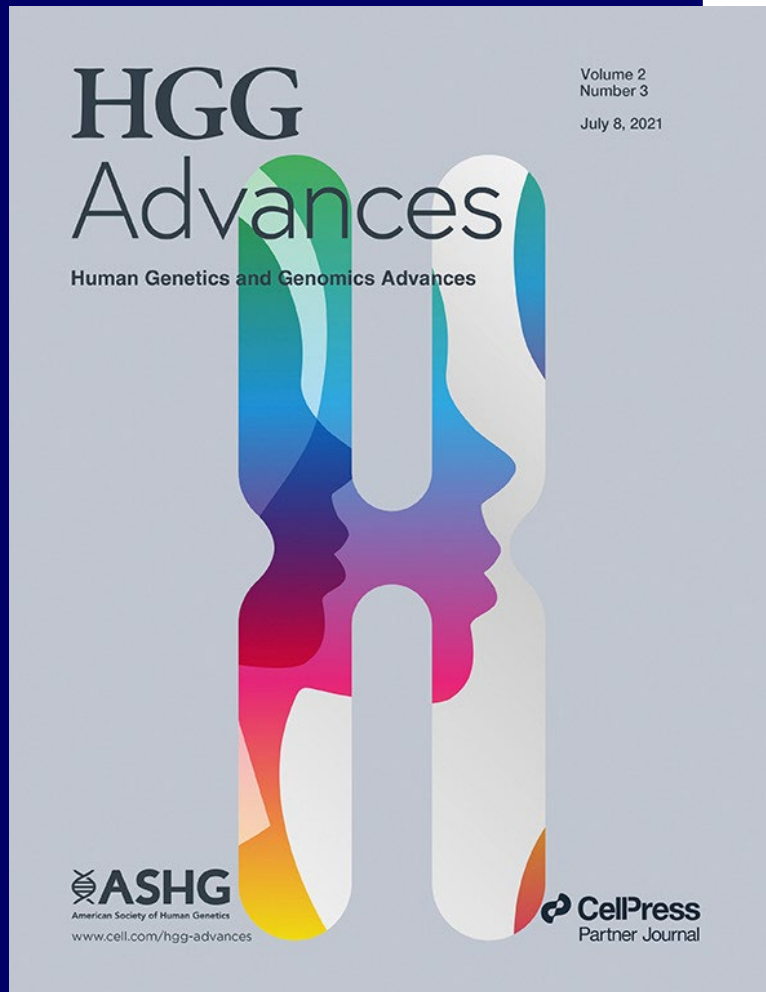
# UNITE



UNITE aims to establish an equitable and civil culture within the biomedical research enterprise and reduce barriers to racial equity in the biomedical research workforce

<https://www.nih.gov/ending-structural-racism/unite>



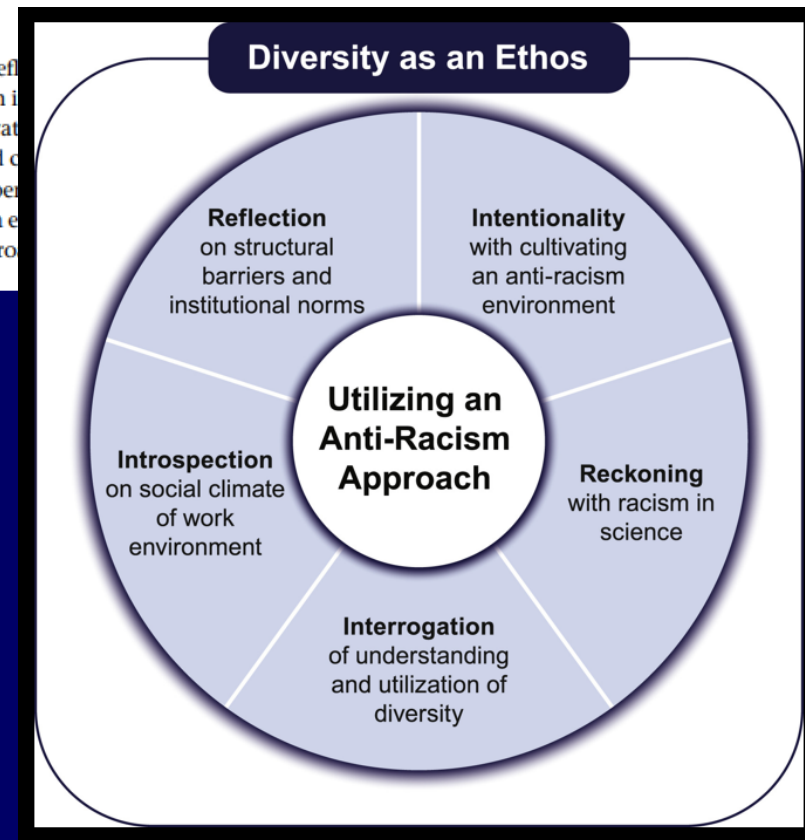


## Cultivating diversity as an ethos with an anti-racism approach in the scientific enterprise

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### Summary

The diversity of the U.S. population is currently not reflected in the scientific enterprise. Although diversity and inclusion efforts have focused on individual scientists in scientific fields, structural racism remains. Thus, the cultivation of an intentional and anti-racism approach within the field. Adopting a new perspective for researchers as we build supportive, collaborative research environments in the research enterprise and propose an anti-racism approach.



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“The cultivation and adoption of diversity as an ethos requires shifting our focus to being intentional about an institution’s character, culture, and climate. One way for this ethos to be sustained is by facilitating an intentional anti-racism approach within the field.”

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