



Intersectionality Among Sexual and Gender Diverse Youth

Key Points

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2. Intersectionality theory provides a necessary framework for research on SGD youth
3. Integrating intersectional methods into research with SGD youth is an important direction for future research in this area.



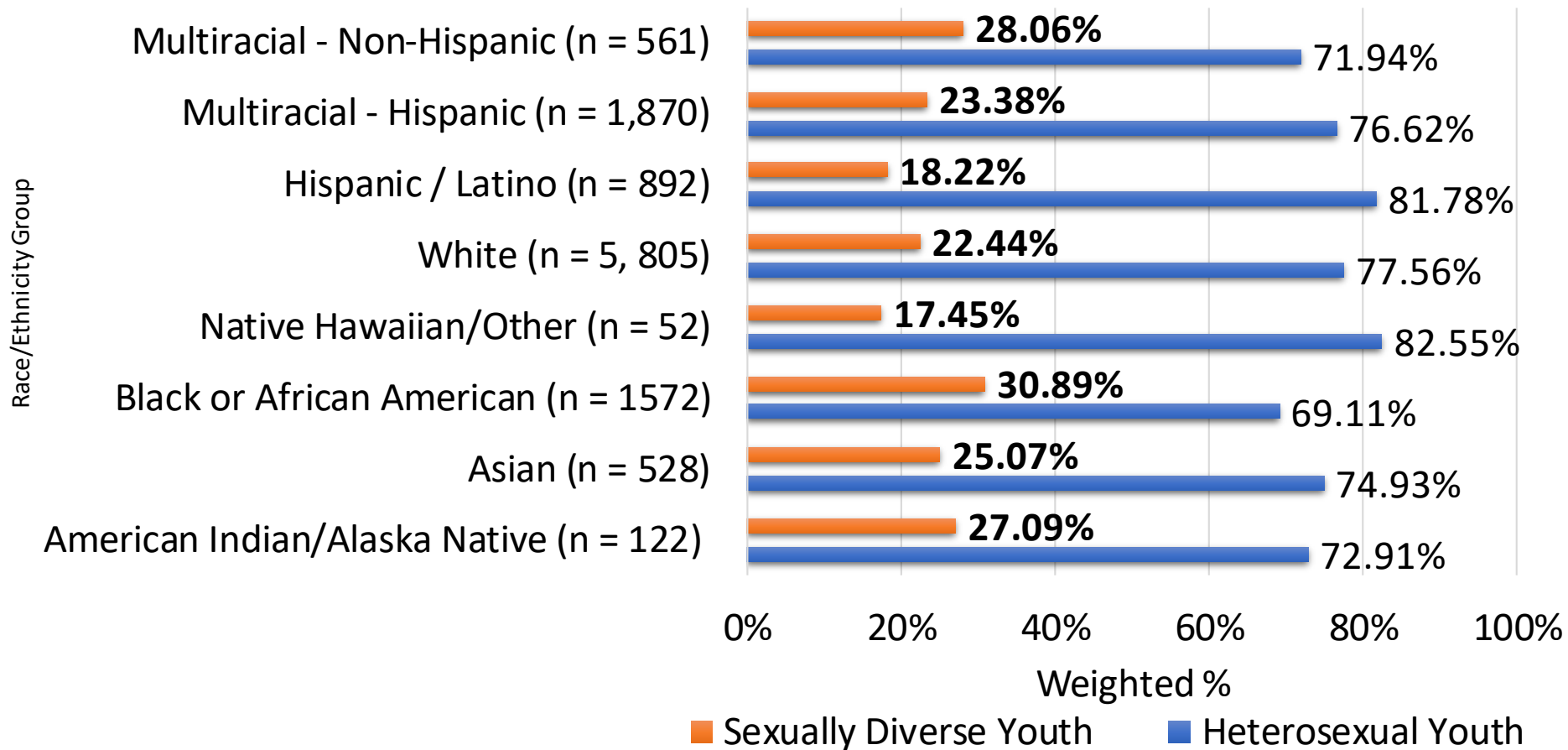
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Diversity of SGD Youth



Racial Diversity Among SDY

% Sexually Diverse Youth Within Race/Ethnicity Groups (N = 11, 402)





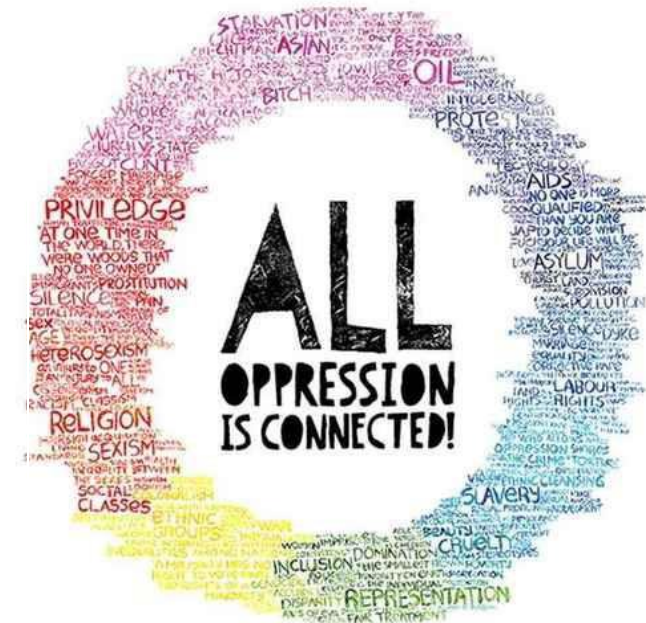
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Intersectionality and SGD Youth



Intersectionality Theory

- Social systems structure society and power such that certain identities are privileged, and others disadvantaged (**macro-level**).
- Social systems intersect in how they are tied to individual's unique configuration of overlapping identities (**micro-level**).
- Together these two levels create the unique (**intersecting**) experiences of disadvantage, privilege, and power that individuals experience.



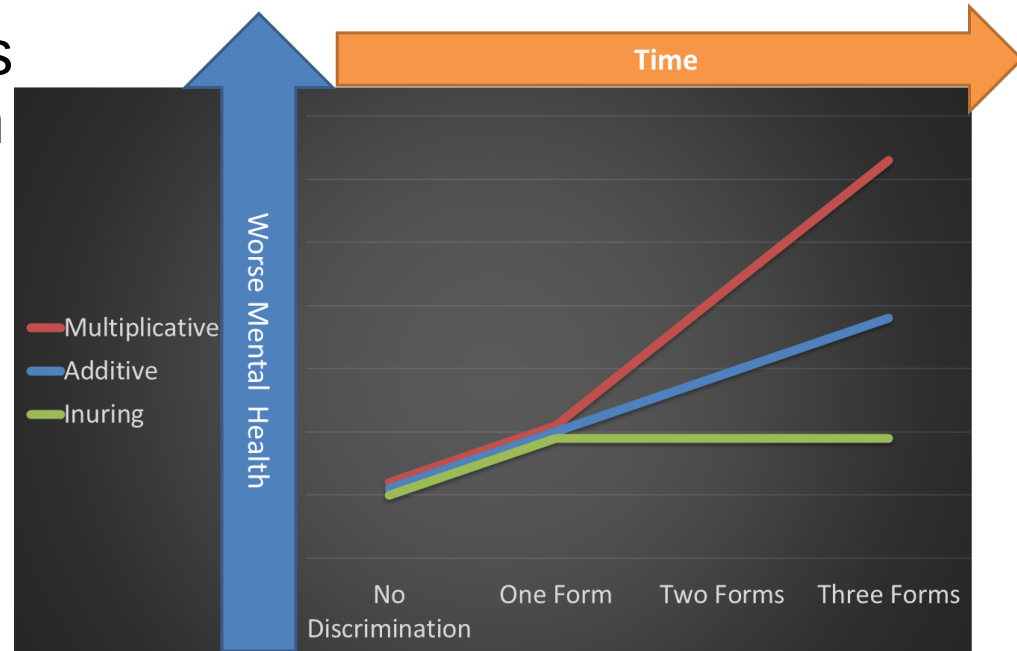


Intersectional Hypotheses

Multiplicative: additional forms of discrimination, mental health multiplicatively worsen mental health

Additive Hypothesis: additional forms of discrimination incrementally worsen mental health

Inuring Hypothesis: mental health does not worsen beyond one form of discrimination





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Intersectionality and Methods for Research with SGD Youth



Methods

- Intersectional research must center (intersectional) power, inequality, privilege, and/or disadvantage
 - Future Directions



Conclusion

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