

Special Issue

Race, Family, and Identity: The Impact of Transracial Adoption

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to explore the policy, practice, theory and lived experience of transracial (or trans-ethnic) adoption. Transracial adoption involves the placement of Black, Mixed heritage and/or Asian children into white adoptive families.

The experiences of Black, Mixed heritage and Asian children in white adoptive families have been the subject of numerous studies in the UK, United States, Europe and elsewhere (McRoy et al. 1997; Thoburn et al. 2000; Barn, 2013).

There have also been several contributions from transracial adoptees who have had negative experiences of their placement because of racism, a sense of a lack of positive racial/ethnic identity and cultural nourishment (Harris, 2006, 2014; Samuels 2009; Sissay 2020; Karolia and Wainwright 2021). Others, though, have had a positive life-long experience, while acknowledging that they had felt a cultural and identity deficit as transracial adoptees (Samuels 2009, Harris 2014).

We welcome submissions from all the abovementioned experts that continue to explore the experiences and outcomes of this practice today.

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