

In-group or Out-group?

Compared to Black Americans, Asian Americans perceive Asian-Black biracial faces as more Black than Asian



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Introduction

Recent Black Lives Matter and Stop Asian Hate movements suggest a need for minority coalition. However, the extent to which Black Americans and Asian Americans see one another as in-group members remains unknown. Here we used categorization of Asian-Black biracial faces to investigate perceptual in-group boundaries.

Do Asian and Black Americans differ in their perception of Asian-Black biracial individuals as members of the in-group?

Background 1: Higher status groups over-exclude biracial individuals from in-groups; lower status groups include more^{1,2}.

Hypothesis 1: Asian perceivers will exclude more Asian-Black biracial faces from the in-group than Black perceivers (given present US racial hierarchy).

Background 2: Minorities motivated to include other minorities into in-group for intraminority coalitions³.

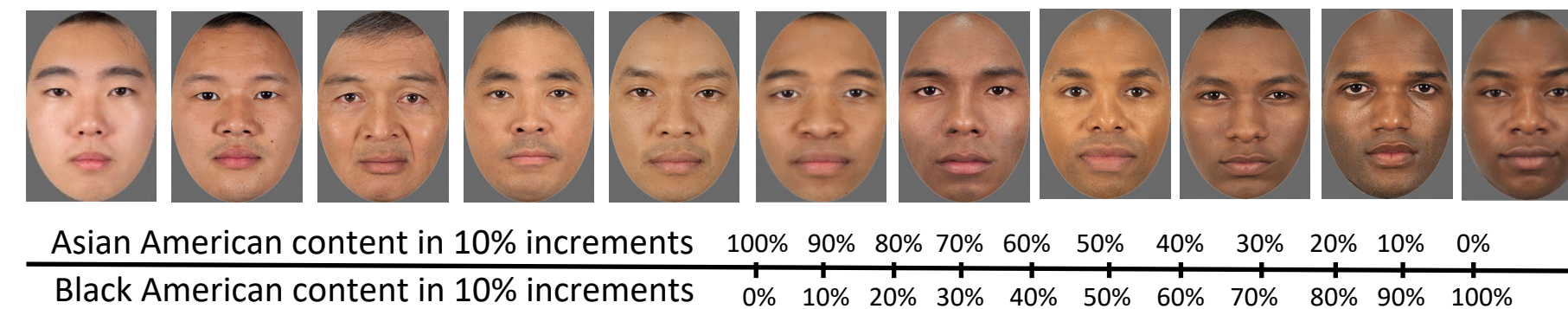
Hypothesis 2: Asian and Black perceivers will not differ in in-group exclusion.

Methods

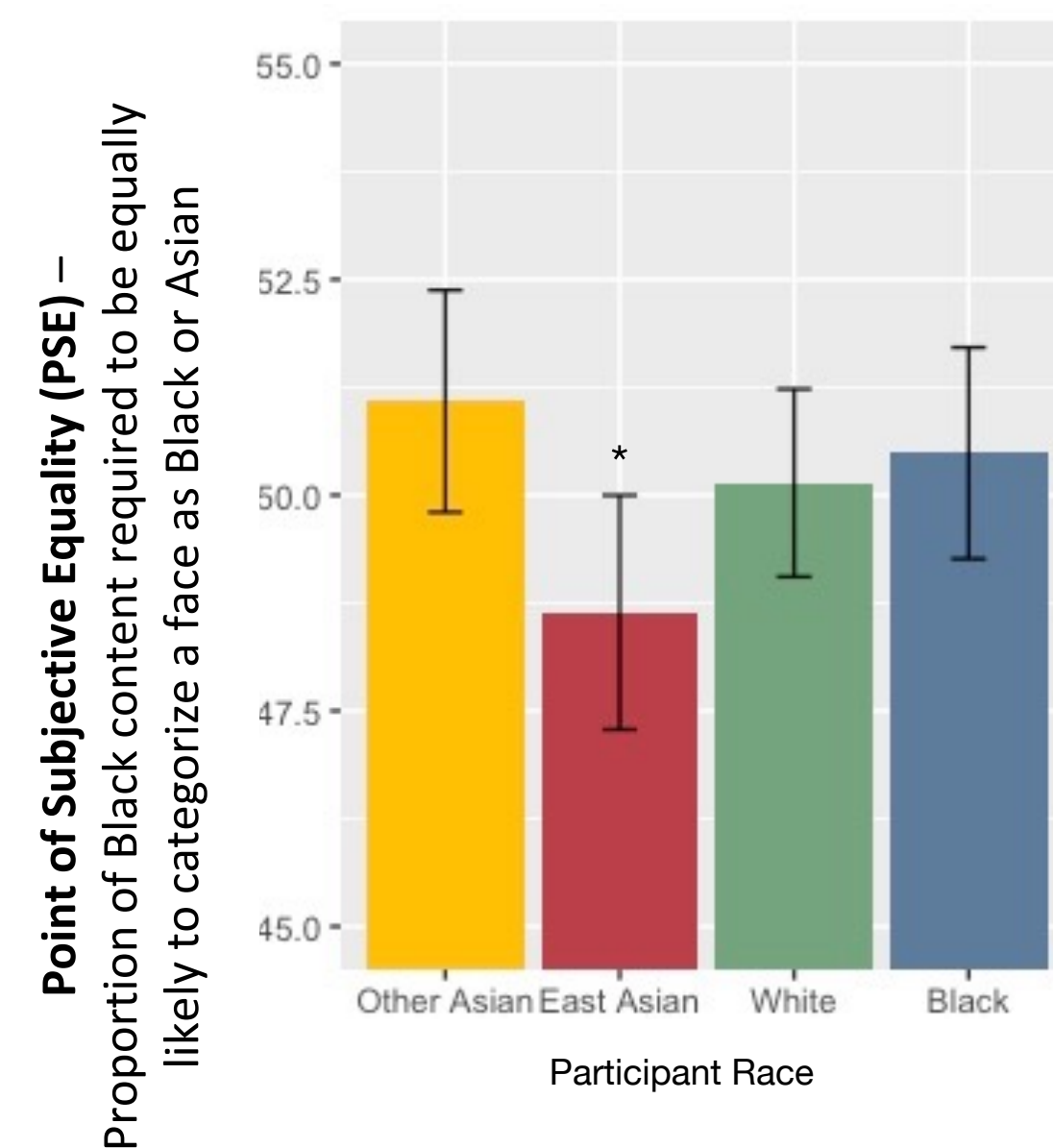
Participants: 246 Asian (175 East Asian), 220 Black, and 220 White American Pp

Stimuli: 55 Asian-Black biracial face morphs, gender balanced

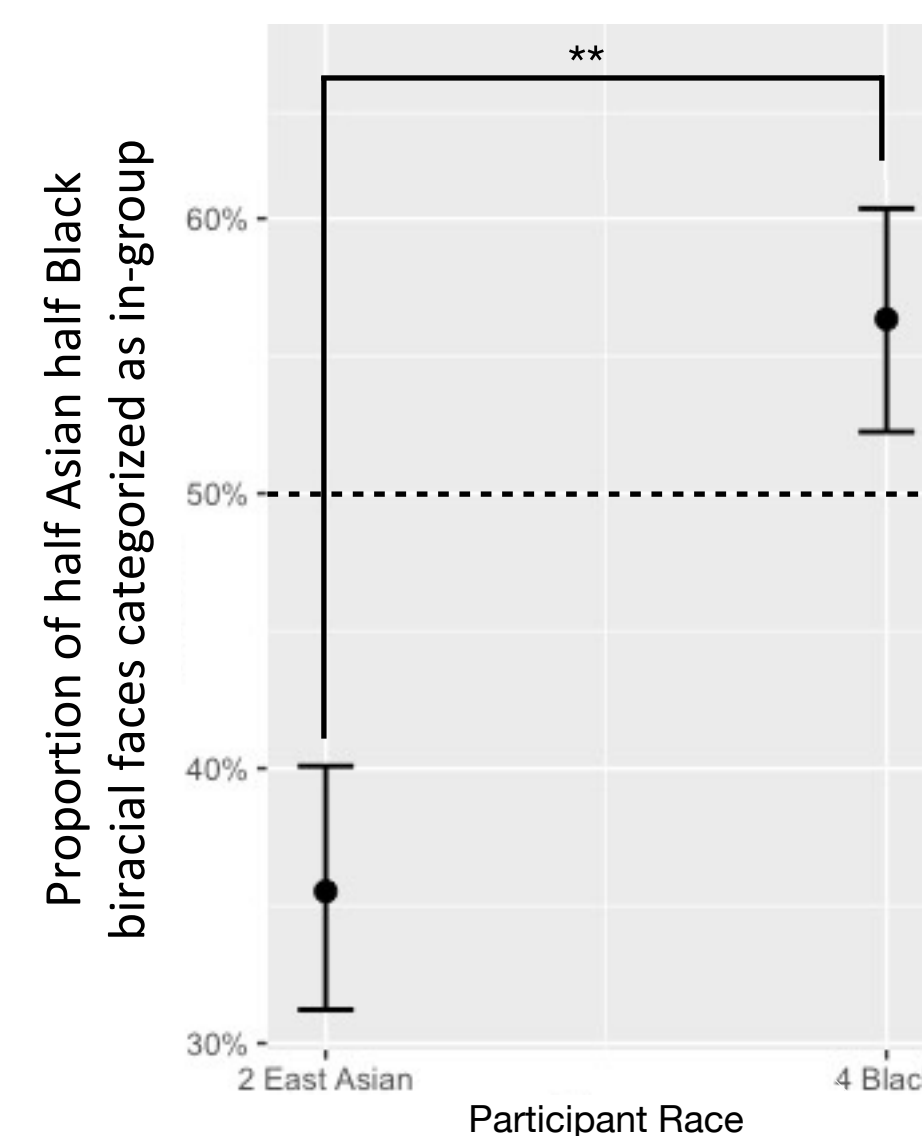
Task: Categorize faces as Asian or Black



Results



East Asian participants required less Black content to see mixed-race faces as Black than any other participant groups.



East Asian participants perceived 37% of 50/50 faces as in-group (i.e., Asian); Black participants perceived 56% of faces as 50/50 faces as in-group (i.e., Black)

Discussion

East Asian Americans have a stricter in-group boundary than Black Americans. **Are East Asian Americans less open than Black Americans to Asian-Black minority coalitions?**

East Asian participants categorized more exclusively than other Asian participants: **Need to stop treating Asian Americans as a homogenized group in intraminority relations.**

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