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The Intersections of Ethnic-Racial and Gender Identity Among Latina/o Youth
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Abstract:
In our work with Latina/o youth, my colleagues and I have introduced and tested using structural equation modeling an integrative model of ethnic-racial identity (ERI) and gender identity (GI) that incorporates comparable dimensions across these two social identities. Results from this work showed that this integrative model of ERI and GI fit the data well. Additionally, we utilized latent profile analysis (LPA) to explore profiles of youth across these newly tested equivalent ERI and GI dimensions, and we examined how these dimensions of identity intersected and varied in terms of familial ethnic-racial and gender socialization, as well as well-being. Results revealed several profiles of youth with varying levels of ERI and GI across dimensions. Most striking, the group of youth who reported highest levels of well-being and socialization was the group of youth who reported highest levels in all of the ERI and GI dimensions assessed in the study. This ‘high-identifier’ group appears to utilize identity-based health coping strategies that are reflected in high levels of socialization in the family context concerning race/ethnicity and gender. By bridging the ERI and GI literature, my colleagues and I have proposed a model that shows the overlap in ERI and GI dimensions, thus effectively merging these distinct lines of research to reveal how intersecting dimensions of ERI and GI predict well-being.

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