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## Exploring Our Identity: Genetics, Ancestry, and Race.

Can we learn information from genetic ancestry testing about our health, ethnicity, race, and identity? Is race based upon a biological or social concept? 'Exploring Our Identity: Genetics Ancestry and Race' is a public opinion survey to explore how we think about genetics, ancestry, health, race, and identity.

We estimate that this survey will take 20 minutes, including the time for reviewing instructions, consenting, and completing the survey.

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I verify that I am 18 years old or older

- Yes
- No

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These surveys are being conducted by researchers at the National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

The surveys are being conducted to help researchers understand how people think and feel about issues related to genetics and health. You may complete as many or as few of the surveys as you wish.

Your response to the surveys is completely voluntary. You may end your participation at any time. Any reports or publications based on this research will use only group data and will not identify you individually. We will not store any personally identifying information within the survey. Your responses will remain secure to the extent permitted by law. The privacy and confidentiality of all collected information will be maintained at all times during the study process.

By clicking on the Accept button below you are indicating that you consent to participate in this research.

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First, we are going to ask you some questions about yourself. Please remember that there are no right or wrong answers; your honest answer is your best answer. If the question has a blank, fill in the blank. If the question has a list of choices, please select the response that best reflects your answer.

What is your gender?

Male  
 Female

What is your current age?

years

Which country do you live in?

If US, which state do you live in?

What is your zip code?

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes  
 No  
 Don't Know

Which one or more of the following would you say is your race?

Black or African  
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Asian  
 Indian or Alaska Native  
 Don't Know

**What is your highest level of completed education?**

- Less than 8th grade
- 8th grade
- Some high school (no diploma or ged equivalent)
- High school diploma or ged equivalent
- Some college (no degree)
- Technical or Associate degree
- Bachelors Degree (BA, BS, AB)
- Masters Degree (RN,MS,MA)
- Professional Degree (JD, PhD, MD, ED)

**What is your favorite food?**

**Are you adopted?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**In general, would you say your health is:**

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Poor                  | Fair                  | Good                  | Very Good             | Excellent             |
| 0                     | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     |
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**On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all happy and 7 is very happy, how happy do you feel in general?**

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Not at all<br>happy   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       | Very<br>happy         |
| 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     | 6                     | 7                     |
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**On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all stressed and 7 is very stressed, how stressed do you feel in general?**

- |                        |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Not at all<br>stressed |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       | Very<br>stressed      |
| 1                      | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     | 6                     | 7                     |
| <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Have you ever had a genetic screening?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know




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The first group of questions is about genetic ancestry testing. Genetic ancestry testing is done on an individual basis, in an attempt to determine the ancestral origins or population(s) of origin for a person or a family.

Have you ever had a genetic ancestry test?

Yes  
 No

If you have not had a genetic ancestry test, would you consider having a genetic ancestry test?

Yes  
 Maybe  
 No

We would like to know your opinion on the following statements. There is no right or wrong answer. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree or neither agree nor disagree with each statement.

Doctors should use genetic ancestry information to help diagnose certain conditions or diseases.

Strongly agree  
 Somewhat agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Somewhat disagree  
 Strongly disagree

Doctors should use genetic ancestry information in deciding how to treat certain conditions or diseases.

Strongly agree  
 Somewhat agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Somewhat disagree  
 Strongly disagree

United States law enforcement should use genetic ancestry information to genetically profile suspects when necessary.

Strongly agree  
 Somewhat agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Somewhat disagree  
 Strongly disagree

Colleges & universities should use genetic ancestry testing to confirm the self-racial or ethnic identification of applicants.

Strongly agree  
 Somewhat agree  
 Neither agree nor disagree  
 Somewhat disagree  
 Strongly disagree

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**I believe genetic ancestry testing supports biological beliefs of race.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**I believe genetic ancestry testing challenges biological beliefs of race.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**The next group of questions is about race and genetics. We would like to know your opinion on the following statements. There is no right or wrong answer.**

**The United States Census categories of race (White, Black or African American, Indian or Alaska Native, Hawaiian Northern Pacific Islander, Asian) correspond with genetic differences among people.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

**A doctor's best predictor of how a patient will respond to medical treatment is their race.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

**Race identifies individuals who can benefit from screening for certain diseases.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

**There are genetic differences among racial groups that influence health.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

**Genetic differences provide clues in determining the primary causes of racial and ethnic health disparities in the United States.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

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**Knowing a person's race is important to understanding his/her genetic risks.**

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

**A person's race plays an important role in doctors' decisions about prescribing medications.**

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

**With the increase in personalized medicine, doctors will not need to use their patients' race in health care decisions.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**The human population may be subdivided into biological races.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**Racial categories are determined by biology.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**There are discrete biological boundaries among races.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

**The term "race", as used to describe human groups, should be replaced by a more precise term.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree



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The next group of questions asks about your thoughts on doctors using your race in clinical decision making encounters. There are no right or wrong answers. Please select the answer that best reflects your views.

**Doctors should consider my race when determining what age I should begin to be screened for certain diseases.**

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

**Doctors should consider my race in determining how aggressively to treat particular diseases.**

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- A little of the time
- None of the time

**My race provides important information about my risk for certain diseases.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure


**My race is the best way for doctors to identify my genetic risk of disease and health.**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure




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