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The platform allows researchers to cross-search and seamlessly access a wide width of a must-have SAGE book and reference content from a single source. SAGE Knowledge combines high-quality content from all of our prints, including the names C'Press and Corwin. Multiculturalism was called the fourth force of psychology by Paul B. Pedersen, Pius K. Essando and others (after psychoanalysis, behavior and humanism as a school of thought). Multicultural psychology has a great influence on modern psychology and includes such broad thematic areas as the development of racial identity, accumulation, prejudice and stereotypes, as well as multicultural competence. Multicultural psychology studies differ from other schools of thought in psychology in that, in addition to focusing on individual and intrapsychological factors, cultural context is considered an important aspect of the lives of individuals and groups. Some important questions in multicultural psychology are: How do factors in the cultural context affect individual differences, and how do psychological phenomena differ between cultures? Although multicultural and cross-cultural terms are often used interchangeably, they differ slightly in meaning. Multicultural psychology takes into account the influence of contextual variables (e.g. race or ethnicity) on human functioning in different societies. Cross-cultural psychology focuses on relationships between people and/or groups from different cultures. Cross-cultural psychology also focuses on comparisons between cultural groups (e.g. contrasting cultural values, customs, etc.). The history of multicultural psychology The history of multicultural psychology is best understood in the context of socio-political oppression in the United States. According to the American Psychological Association (APA), the apparent involvement of psychologists in cultural disputes brown against the Topeka Education Council in 1954. In this case, psychologists have provided significant significant in relation to the harmful effects of segregated education on children of color, empirically challenging the notion of a separate but equal. The case was also the first time that psychological studies had been included in the Supreme Court's decision. Political movements and subsequent legislation and policies, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, have influenced the integration of multicultural issues by psychologists into research and practice. In 1971, the National Office for Minority Mental Health Research was established and provided specifically for research into racial and ethnic minorities. Although psychologists had been looking at racial and cultural issues in their professional work for more than a century, culture was not clearly considered an important variable in professional practice until the Weil Conference of Psychology Graduates in 1973. The conference's recommendations included the integration of cultural diversity education into psychology graduate programs. Since then, a number of studies have been carried out in the field of multicultural training and competence. In addition to racism and other forms of cultural oppression as the driving force behind multicultural psychology, recent demographic changes have been at the centre of discussions about the importance of multicultural competence in psychological research and practice. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the ratio of racial/ethnic minorities to whites is rising sharply. In some parts of the country, such as parts of California and Texas, people of color (e.g. African Americans, Latinos/Asians) are no longer a minority, and many population experts believe that current racial/ethnic minorities will become the majority in the United States by the mid-21st century. Multicultural psychologists such as Derald Wing Sue and Pedersen will say that there is an ethical imperative for the practice of culturally competent psychology. In addition, demographic trends in the country have led many psychologists to understand the value of incorporating cultural issues into research and practice, minimally because of the increasing likelihood that they will encounter racial/ethnic minorities in their work. Indeed, in 1997, Christine S. Iijima Hall stated that basic psychology was outdated in the face of these demographic changes. Studies of prejudices and stereotypes against prejudices and stereotypes in social psychology have contributed to an understanding of the links between individual cognition, prejudice (i.e. negative social attitudes) and discriminatory behaviour towards different groups, an important cornerstone of multicultural psychology. John F. Dovidio, Ana Valdzic and Samuel L. Gertner cite studies of the contact hypothesis in understanding prejudices between groups. The contact hypothesis states that prejudices arise from limited with groups that don't the other group is one way to reduce bias. However, not only contact, but also the conditions under which contact occurs, lead to a reduction in intergroup biases (e.g., cooperative interaction between groups). In addition, social psychologists have studied the effects of belonging to a stigmatized group. For example, Claude M. Steele and Joshua Aronson have defined the term stereotype of threat to reflect the effect that negative stereotypes about stigmatized groups (such as women and African Americans) can cause individuals from these groups to experience anxiety that can lead to negative effects on performance. This anxiety arises from the fear of being reduced to generalizations made against members of a socially stigmatized group. Their research has been extended to other stigmatized groups, such as people with low socioeconomic status, although more recent studies suggest that stereotypical threats can occur to most people regarding any membership in a social group, such as being male or being white. However, given the continued under-representation of certain groups in several settings (e.g. people of color and women in mathematics and science), these people will be the people at higher risk of suffering from the negative social consequences associated with the stereotypical threat. Other researchers have proposed complex hypotheses about intergroup relationships to help explain prejudices and stereotypes. One example is the theory of optimal distinctiveness of Marilyn B. Brewer. According to Brewer, individuals don't just value their own group (ingroup) and devalue other groups.) Instead, they tend to strike a balance between establishing or belonging to a group, coupled with impersonating or being distinctive. The optimal theory of distinctiveness suggests that while understanding the group's experience is important, the attraction of the group does not in itself imply repulsion of the outgroup. Instead, Brewer suggests, there are specific phenomena (e.g., a ratio of moral superiority, perceived threat) that can link the loyalty of groups to prejudice against outgroups. Models of racial/ethnic identity development in advising culturally diverse D.W. Sue and David Sue consider both the racial and cultural minority and the development of white racial identity, as they apply to the work of psychologists and counselors. These models use individual differences in racial/ethnic groups that go beyond demographic or phenotypic definitions of race and ethnicity in relation to the psychological meaning of race/ethnicity. Others suggested different identity models relating to racial/ethnic minorities, including William E. Cross's Nigrescence model, Janet E. Helms the development of black racial identity, and Donald R. Atkinson, George Morten and the minority model of D.W. Sue. These models have a common share in articulation to develop-mental processes in which people of color (a) initially value the dominant group and devalue them them (b) Then value their own group and devalue the dominant group and (c) finally go beyond these conflicts to value both groups. While most scholars no longer attribute ingvariate scenic models, these patterns of racial/ethnic identity provide a basis for understanding the psychological impact that membership in a racial/ethnic group has on the development of identity and social construct of oneself. Helms also developed a model for developing white racial identity. Central to this model is the influence of racism on the personality of whites. In the model of developing white racial identity, the first three levels, or statuses, include racism as a major feature of development, ranging from a lack of awareness of race and racism to beliefs in white supremacy. The last three statuses relate to the development of non-racist white identity and include the painful realization that racism exists, which can lead to over-identification with people of color in a way that actually perpetuates racism; focusing on the meaning of White and White privilege; and developing awareness of white privilege, as well as reducing guilt and commitment to combating racism. Understanding the racial/ethnic status of clients can help mental health professionals focus on systemic issues that play a role in perceptions of problems. Studies have shown a link between different psychological variables and the status of racial/ethnic identity. For people of color, less mature or complex identity statuses (i.e. prior to meeting, meeting) were associated with high anxiety, low self-esteem, depression and psychological distress. However, other studies have yielded different results, such as positive relationships between less mature or complex states and low anxiety. This can be explained by differences in the expression of the status of racial/ethnic identity. For example, William Cross and Beverly Vandiver suggest that some people may have a racial/ethnic identity status marked by less mature strategies, but have healthy personality profiles because race may have a low in-profile identity. Janet Helms and Dorelda A. Cook detail some of these studies, as well as important uses of racial identity in various psychological services, including individual therapy, group counseling, and follow-up. Psychologists targeting multiracial and biracial people have suggested that traditional patterns of racial/ethnic identity may be appropriate or appropriate for understanding people of mixed race. Although monoracial identity models were used with multiracial populations, other theorists suggested separate models of identity development for biracial/multiracial people. W. S. Carlos Poseton proposed the first of these models in 1990. notions of orientation to a group of references (as opposed to personal identity) given in the previous development of racial identity identity Poston described five stages of biracial identity development: personal identity, group categorization choice (pressure on one group), hostility/denial (conflict feelings about group choice), assessment (multiple identity) and integration (experience of wholeization, assessment of all ethnic and racial identities). As in previous models of monoracial identity development, the Poston model is a scenic model, ranging from immature to mature identity resolutions. Others that focus on multiracial identity, such as Maria. Root, questioned the idea that there is a single process of identity development that applies to multiracial people or to change in general. Instead, it offers an environmental approach to understanding multiracial identity, emphasizing the various contextual factors that influence how multiracial people see themselves. Unlike Poston, she does not believe that the integration of ethnic identity is a necessary decision of identity. Multiracial people can identify with one group or another, change their identity through context, identify with multiple groups, or develop a new and independent identity as multiracial. In a review of literature, a review of both the development of racial/ethnic identity and the psychological functioning of the biracial population in 2005, Marie L. Miville pointed to the need for research that would capture the fluidity of two-race and multiracial identity. High-quality studies conducted by psychologists such as Root and Miville, and his colleagues, began to catch topics not considered by traditional models of identity development until now (e.g., simultaneous identification as a monoracial and multiracial person). Other multicultural psychologists have focused on ethnic identity. For example, Jean S. Finney uses the term ethnicity to cover both race and culture, which speaks to differences in psychology about what race actually means. Like psychologists who focus on racial identity rather than race as a narrative or demographic variable, Finney suggests that it is important to understand the meaning of ethnicity, including the subjective meaning and experiences of people from different ethnic groups and the different labels people use to describe their ethnicity. In his 1996 article on American ethnic groups, Finney states that ethnic identity is a complex set of factors that determine the degree and type of participation in one's ethnic group (p. 923). Its multi-group model of ethnic identity consists of several components that relate to the complexity of ethnic identification, including self-identification (chosen label of ethnic group), ethnic behavior and practice, affirmation and affiliation, positive assessment, ethnic interests and knowledge. Finney developed a frequently used scale based on a multi-group model of ethnic identity that contains 14 Likert-type elements on components of ethnic identity (listed in the previous sentence) and six points on the other group group Subscribes were fairly reliable, with higher reliability among college students than high school students, suggesting that ethnic identity may become more stable with development. Studies have shown that self-esteem is positively correlated with ethnic identity and that ethnic identity tends to be more strongly supported among people of color than among white people. Acculturation and biculturalism Given the growing diversity of the United States and most other modern societies, acculturation is an important topic in multicultural psychology. Accumulation is a process of individual and group change that occurs when cultural groups come into contact. Understanding the accumulation process is important when dealing with immigrant clients as they adapt to a dominant culture. In addition, other racial/ethnic groups are undergoing a process of acculturation, as the dominant culture does not include the many racial and ethnic groups that are part of the United States. For example, many African-Americans experience the accumulation process when they grow up in black communities and then attend school or work in predominantly white settings. John W. Berry describes various accumulation strategies, including assimilation and marginalization. Acculturation can lead to cumulative stress as people navigate several cultural norms and try to meet the group expectations that often conflict. However, as with the development of racial and ethnic identity, acculturation is not a linear process that occurs equally or consistently for all people and groups. Studies in the field of acculturation have shown that in some contexts adherence to a dominant culture can have positive psychological consequences, but in many other cases joining a dominant culture is detrimental to development, as individuals and groups lose support from their culture and communities of origin. Psychologists such as Teresa LaFromboise and her colleagues dispute the suggestion that individuals from non-dominant cultural groups are necessarily marginal people. LaFromboise and his colleagues criticized several models of second culture acquisition as inadequate because they traditionally reduce the culture of racial/ethnic minorities to lower status. These researchers then presented a theory of bicultural competence that states that while racial and ethnic minorities would experience discrimination and difficulties in a repressive culture, the experience of living in two cultures did not necessarily predict dysfunction. In fact, the experience of being bicultural can be positive because people living in more than one culture have access to multiple resources and ways of being that can lead to both cognitive and emotional flexibility. Strength as an individual (ego) cultural identity is an important factor in the fight against biculturalism. LaFromboise and his colleagues offered six aspects of bicultural competence: competence: cultural beliefs and values, positive attitudes towards the majority and minority groups, bicultural efficiency, communicative abilities, role-playing repertoire and a sense of grounding. They also suggest that people living in more than one culture may experience many adaptive processes, rather than simply assimilating a dominant culture or its antithesis, and moving away from a dominant culture. Indeed, people can make conscious choices about their level of biculturalism under certain conditions (e.g. in high school). In August 2002, APA adopted the Multicultural Education, Training, Research, Practice and Organizational Change Guidelines for Psychologists. These guidelines are an important step in the long history of multicultural counseling competence. This work began in 1982 when D.W. Sue and others at the Society for The Psychology of Counseling (APA Division 17) offered cross-cultural consultancy competencies. The purpose of the APA guidelines is to justify the need to address the problem of multiculturalism and diversity, in particular issues related to racial/ethnic interaction, in addition to reviewing relevant research and developing standards for integrating cultural issues into the diverse work of psychologists. The APA's multicultural guidelines are divided into six categories: commitment to cultural awareness and self-knowledge, commitment to cultural awareness and knowledge of others, education, research, practice, organizational change and policy development. The impact of many years of research on multicultural competence in counseling is evident in the paper. Competences focus primarily on psychologists' awareness of their own culture, relationships and so on. Psychologist awareness, knowledge and skills of working with people from different cultures are central to multicultural counseling competence. Literature also focuses on psychologists' understanding of cultural values and the worldview of their clients from an unbiased point of view. In addition to three aspects of multicultural competence (attitude and persuasion, knowledge and skills), multicultural psychologists have offered three characteristics of multicultural competent practitioners. Characteristics are the obligation to actively participate in the process of understanding one's own views, including values and prejudices; A commitment to understanding the worldview of customers who differ from culture; and a commitment to developing intervention strategies that are appropriate and relevant to each client based on his or her cultural experience. There are specific competencies associated with each dimension for each of the characteristics. While measuring diversity competence is complex because of bias against self-reporting and tools, multicultural competence and training are linked to positive outcomes for both consultants and clients. For example, multicultural and the impact of multicultural training was associated with the empathy of counselors, white racial consciousness, views of white racial identity and interracial comfort. In addition, the ability to conceptualize multicultural cases has been linked to the competence between multiculturalism. Some studies have also focused on the multicultural competence of leaders. In a recent study by Arpana G. Inman, the head of multicultural competence was associated with the working union between leadership and control and oversee the satisfaction of supervision. In addition, the working alliance served as a mediator between the competence of the leaders and the satisfaction of oversight. Multicultural training to promote multicultural competence in counseling and other forms of applied psychology, multicultural psychologists such as D. Sue have focused on effective multicultural training. D. Sue reviewed various models of multicultural training, including a general approach that assumes that traditional methods apply to all cultures; an ethical approach that seeks to understand the universal aspects of human experience that go beyond cultural differences, and emic, or culture-specific, approach. Although each approach has its drawbacks, some multicultural psychologists, such as D.W. Sue, argue that it is essential to simultaneously engage in individual, group and human (universal) characteristics in counseling. It is important to note that traditionally professional psychologists are more focused on individual and ethical (universal) approaches than on approaches, given the group differences. Sue also talked about the different ways in which multicultural training can be incorporated into the counseling curriculum. He identified four approaches: a single course approach, multicultural counseling as an area of concentration, an interdisciplinary model and a model of integration. In the integration model, material relating to cultural differences is part of each course in the curriculum. While this may be an ideal approach, many programs continue to use a unified course approach. In addition, most multicultural curricula today are more successful in addressing attitudes of persuasion and knowledge than in solving skills. Recently, Timothy B. Smith, Madonna G. Con-Stantin and his colleagues conducted a meta-analysis of multicultural education in programs for graduates in the field of mental health. This study, which focuses on the results of multicultural curricula, has shown that multicultural education generally has a positive impact on factors such as multicultural competence, racial prejudice and the relationship between client and consultant. This study provides further support for D. Sue and others calling for psychology training programs to integrate multicultural issues in all Curricula. Focus of Multicultural Psychology While Great Strides Have Been Made with regard to the adoption of multicultural issues in the discussions continue to be held on the definition and direction of the term multiculturalism. According to D. Sue, some scholars define multicultural psychology broadly, stating that every interpersonal meeting is multicultural because all people are cultural beings. This approach considers many aspects of diversity as part of the competence of multicultural psychology (e.g. religion, gender, sexual orientation, age and social class). This definition also considers the cultural experience of the majority group as part of multicultural psychology. At a minimum, some scholars argue that the racial/cultural contexts of these other aspects should be the focus of both research and practice in multicultural psychology. Other multicultural psychologists take a more specific approach to the definition and focus of multicultural psychology, arguing that the integration of aspects other than race and ethnicity in multicultural psychology over-expands the field, thereby minimizing the true effects of these two variables. In addition, some scholars who support this view argue that while social identity, in addition to race and ethnicity, may be important, multicultural competence and multicultural research in their contemporary capacity do not necessarily apply to gender and other cultural experiences. While most studies in multicultural psychology have focused on race and ethnicity, the recent work of feminist multicultural psychologists such as Louise B. Silverstein has begun to include gender and other experiences of identity. In addition, several APA units, such as those that founded the National Multicultural Conference and Summit (Women's Psychology Society; Society for Psychological Studies of Ethnic Minorities; Society for The Psychology Of Counseling; and the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues), encouraged their members to develop practice guidelines and conduct research on several demographic identities. A common theme of multicultural psychology today is the understanding of the many processes of oppression, as evidenced by the name of the National Multicultural Summit 2007: The Psychology of Multiple Identity: The Search for Opportunities in the Face of Oppression. Links: American Psychological Association. 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