Advancing Racial Equity Through Research

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Some news headlines...

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TREND

"Data show that Black, Hispanic, and AIAN people are at increased risk of hospitalization due to COVID-19"

"Multiple analyses of available federal, state, and local data show that people of color are experiencing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 cases and deaths."

How can you use data to understand and combat racial inequities?



A different news headline

It is important to connect data to context <u>now</u>.

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Moving beyond documenting disparities



Adapted from:

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-racismnot-race-is-a-risk-factor-for-dying-of-covid-191/

Initial solutions to address COVID

Individual solutions:

- **†**↔**†** social distancing
- () mask use
- get vaccinations



System solutions to address COVID



- more PPE for frontline workers
- hazard pay for frontline workers
- free testing and prioritized vaccinations for more exposed
- seek to understand <u>and</u> address mistrust of vaccines



Why does context matter?



- It gives policymakers the full story
- It might prompt different policies
- It helps move away from harmful narratives about people who are impacted by inequity

Recommendation: do this upfront in presenting research findings



Guiding Principles for Integrating Racial Equity



- 1. Examine our backgrounds and biases.
- 2. Commit to digging deeper into the data.
- 3. Know our work has an impact on communities.
- 4. Partner with community in research and credit their contribution.
- 5. Guard against the assumption that White is the normative or default position.



Practical Guidance for the Research Process



5 Guiding Principles

Stages of the Research Process

Landscape Research Design Data Collection Data Analysis Dissemination



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Thank you!

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