

Killian's Abstract

Homogamy Outlaws? Interracial Couples' Dominant and Subordinate Discourses in Response to Racism and Partner Differences

Qualitative interviews with interracial couples reveal their strategic responses to racism in the public context and to racial and ethnic differences in the relationship context. This presentation discusses how interracial couples both resist and comply with the prevailing ideology of homogamy through their use of dominant and subordinate discourses. An analysis of discourses employed by couples and helping professionals highlights marginalized "truths" that are crucial to effective clinical work with interracial couples.

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