

The Association between Racial Attitudes and Identity Styles in White Albanian students toward Roma and Egyptian minorities

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Abstract

In this study, the links between in-group racial attitudes, and identity processing styles will be examined. Youth racial attitudes will be tested as an outcome of identity styles. The participants are youths in Albania, where Romani and Egyptians are the most marginalized out-groups. Our findings can provide new insights of racial attitudes of youths' in-group (racial attitudes toward Romani and Egyptians), and links with identity processing styles and racial attitudes. Investigating patterns of racial attitudes in youths and identity styles, may support practices and policies aiming at social inclusion of minorities groups and toward identities development that protect youths from racism not only in the Albanian context, but further on, in other cultural contexts.

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