

Abstract

After considerable assessment, research has identified the significance of intragroup prejudice through the form of microaggressions. Microaggressions, in terms of intergroup dynamics, are a relatively new phenomenon, but literature on intragroup dynamics is arising alongside with it and provides a different relational perspective. By factoring in a multitude of variables, literature has suggested that the concept of intragroup microaggressions is a multidimensional behavior that varies amongst different Asian groups. By focusing even more so on the micro-level of ethnicity, most literature on the topic is based on model minority Asians in the United States' West, Midwest, or Northeastern areas. That being said, this proposal offers insight to the nuances of Filipino-Americans in the Southeast. The main themes of this paper focus on the overall behavior of Filipino-American microaggressions as well as any urban or rural influence from current and childhood locations. Because there is little research on the intricacies of intraethnic microaggressions in Filipino-American culture, this paper focuses on that intragroup dynamic and urban-rural dichotomy. Based on the data, Filipino-Americans perceive that their experience with microaggressions is worse with people of other ethnicities rather than in their own culture. This research concludes with a discussion about the challenges of this process and the prospective ideas that could further Filipino-American research within the Southeast.

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