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## Introduction to Special Issue: *Journal of Pediatric Psychology* Statement of Purpose—Special Section on Diversity and Health Care Disparities

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Data from the 2000 census reveal that the United States is becoming increasingly diverse at a rapid pace. Between 1990 and 2000, the Latino/Hispanic population increased by >50% (Guzmán, 2001<sup>□</sup>), and the Black and Asian populations both increased at faster rates than the total population (Barnes & Bennett, 2002<sup>□</sup>; McKinnon, 2001<sup>□</sup>). Population projections indicate that between 2000 and 2010, the proportion of individuals considered "White alone (not Hispanic)," will decrease from 69.4% to 65.1%, and by 2050 will be barely a majority, at 50.1% of the total population (US Census Bureau, 2004<sup>□</sup>).

The increasing diversification of the population creates certain responsibilities for the execution of ethical science. Guidelines for federal funding require documentation of efforts toward appropriate representation of racial and ethnic minorities within study design. In our own field, submission guidelines for the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology* indicate that articles must specify the racial/ethnic composition . . . [[Full Text of this Article](#)]

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