

# The Psychogenesis of Color Based Racism: Implications of Projection for Dark-Skinned Puertorriqueños

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## ABSTRACT

This report examines excluded minority groups that also face racism in the United States. Hall aims to move the discussion of racism towards a discussion of skin color and does this through an examination of Puerto Ricans. He examines skin color because according to him skin color is the pre-condition for racism. Through a theoretical analysis of Puerto Ricans, Hall makes the case for the importance of skin color when it comes to determining racism beyond the white-black dichotomy. For instances, Puerto Ricans are a heterogenous group that is comprised of people of various skin tones. Some of these individuals have a lighter skin tone when compared to others who have a darker skin tone. The role of Anglo-Saxon perceptions of lighter skin tones being superior impact Puerto Ricans because of Anglo colonization. Hall suggests in his research report that educating Hispanic students about skin color and racism can be a solution to combating colorism in their homes and society.