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**THE INFLUENCE OF RACIALIZED SOCIALIZATION ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF WHITE RACIAL IDENTITY**

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In the United States, race is a socially constructed concept that affects how individuals view themselves and those around them. Racial identity is an individual's internalized, reflective appraisal of race in relation to self and others, and is a product of socialization (Feldman, 2001). The purpose of the current study was to assess the influence of racialized socialization on the development of White racial identity attitudes. A total of 146 students from a psychology subject pool participated in this investigation. Consistent with previous research, students who reported more experience with diverse environments and higher levels of awareness of racism were more likely to have progressed further within the model of White racial identity, which includes the development of a positive White identity.

Implications of these findings are discussed in terms of addressing issues of racial awareness and interactions across racial lines on college campuses in relation to previous socialization.