
“Being American Between Black and White: Second Generation Asian American Professionals Racial Identities” appeared in the June issue of volume 6 of the Journal of Asian American Studies published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. Author Pawan Dhingra received his Ph.D. in sociology in 2002 from Cornell University and is currently an associate professor of sociology at Oberlin College. The American Sociological Association’s section on Asia and Asian America selected the winner based on nominations submitted for review and assessment of papers on Asia and on Asian America.

This study, based on in-depth interviews with seventy second-generation Asian American professionals in Dallas, Texas, examines the ways that Korean Americans and Indian Americans of the second generation make sense of their racial status relative to both whites and blacks. The research finds that both Korean and Indian Americans criticized White racism yet reacted to discriminatory acts by asserting their status as equal "Americans" to Whites, who did not deserve to be targeted. They accomplished this partly by differentiating themselves from African Americans whom they regard, ironically, as the true foreigners.

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