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**‘MARK : ONE OR MORE RACES...’:**

**A Simple Method for Statistical Analyses Involving Multiple Racial Identifications**

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**Abstract**

Multiple racial identifications pose a vexing challenge to individual-level analyses. Typically, data analysts make arbitrary decisions to allocate multi-racial respondents to single-race categories. Treated in this manner, race may be employed as a nominal-level covariate of any number of interesting and important social, economic, or demographic dependent variables, but statistical inference is conditional on the analysts' allocation scheme. The method proposed here is a simple, yet far more defensible, alternative to these schemes: allow individuals to contribute as many observations to the sample as is necessary to exhaust their multiple identifications, effectively shifting the observational unit from a respondent to an identification, and then apply a post hoc correction to the violation of the *iid* assumptions. I show that a correction developed for complex survey

designs can be appropriated for analyses involving multiple racial identifications. The paper concludes with an empirical demonstration of the consequences of arbitrary allocation schemes and an application of the correction method.

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