ABSTRACT

**THESIS:** Latinx White or Latinx Other: Peer Socialization on Self-Identified Race

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Previous research examined the socialization—including family socialization and peer socialization—on a Latinx’s ethnic identity. Latinx ethnic self-identification has been researched largely among Mexican origin individuals; however, there is limited research on racial self-identification among the Latinx population as a whole. The purpose of this study was to examine the differences in socialization (i.e. friendship diversity), ethnic identity, and racial identity status between those who identify as Latinx and racially identify as White and those who identify as Latinx and racially identify as Other and specify Latinx in the blank provided. One hundred and eighty-five college students completed a questionnaire consisting of various measures including the Ethnic Identity Scale (EIS), Person of Color Racial Identity Attitude Scale (PRIAS), and a demographics scale. Results indicated there was a strong association between self-identified race and the diversity of friend groups. Limitations and recommendations for future studies are reported.