The Loud Silence of Racism in Families: A Journey from Research to Comics

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Richard M Lee, PhD is a Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Distinguished University Teaching Professor in the Department of Psychology, as well as Director of the Asian American Studies Program, at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Lee is internationally recognized for his scholarship in ethnic-racial identity and socialization, acculturation, discrimination and racism, and cultural conflicts between immigrant parents and youth with a particular focus on diverse Asian American populations. Since 2000, he has been studying the transracial and transnational experiences of Korean American youth and young adults who were adopted as infants by White families. He has published 150 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and received grant funding from NIH, NSF, and SAMHSA. Dr. Lee is past chair of the Asian Caucus for the Society for Research in Child Development, former president of the Asian American Psychological Association, and past editor of Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology.

Since the start of the pandemic, he has collaborated with his artist brother Martin on a daily comic strip, The Other Ones by Lee, which highlights the racialized and marginalized experiences of kids of color. Most recently, Dr. Lee was a featured speaker for TEDx Minneapolis where he shared an autoethnographic account of racial trauma in immigrant families.

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