

Explanations - Ethnicity

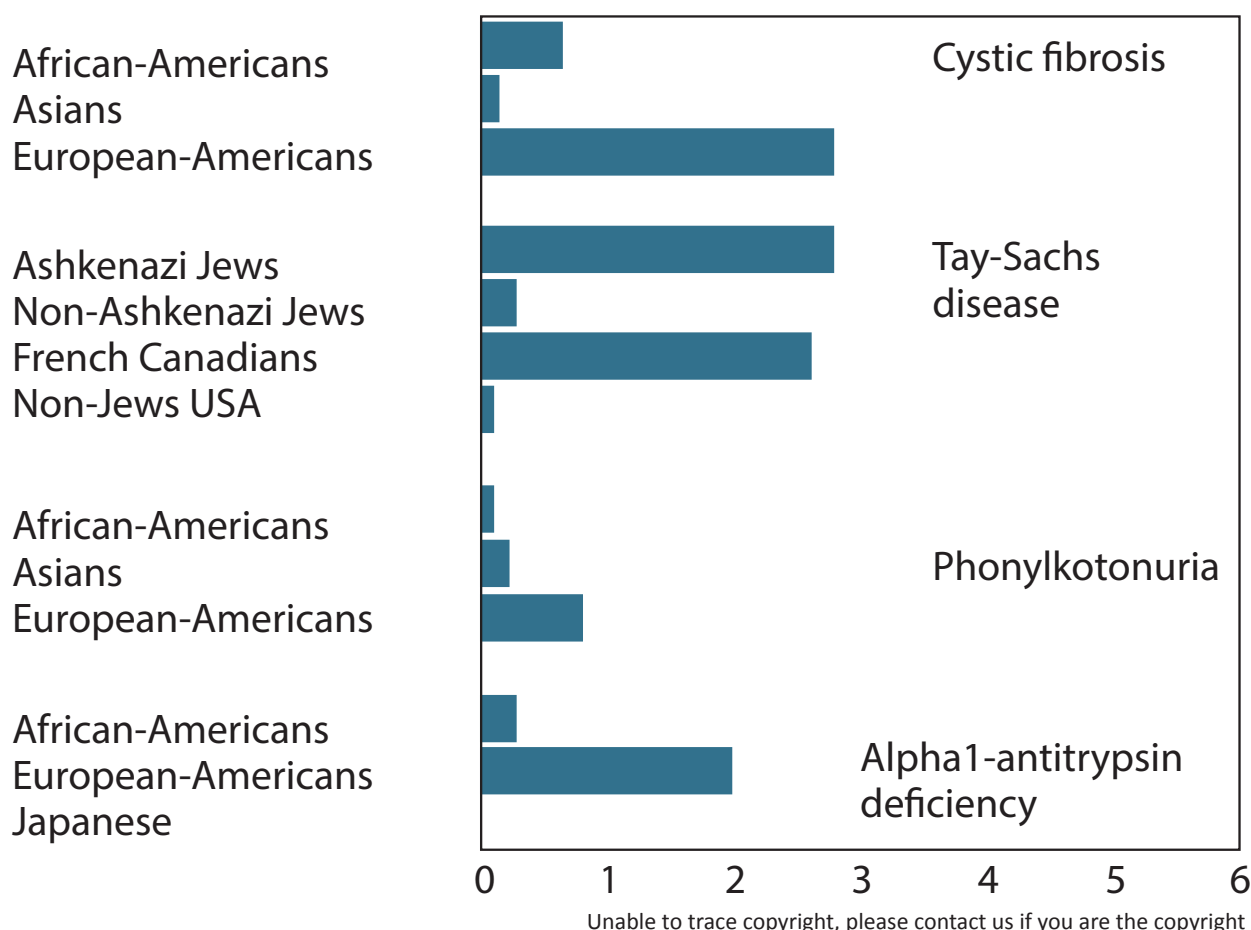
Background

The explanations used to explain ethnic inequalities in health are largely cultural/behavioural versus material but with the added dimension of racism see the work of Nazroo and Karlsen (2013).

As with gender it is important to be able to distinguish between different ethnic groups including the majority white group. There are as many health differences within ethnic groups as there are between them.

Ahmed (1993) argues that historically much of the research and explanation on ethnic inequalities has been from the standpoint of the bio-medical model.

Some biological explanations have been made and the table below highlights some differences. But on the whole the evidence suggests that morbidity and mortality in different ethnic groups have more similarities than differences.



A useful website for further information is the following.

<https://patient.info/doctor/diseases-and-different-ethnic-groups>

Cultural versus material explanations of ethnic inequalities of health.

Task 1: Cultural and material

Using textbooks, articles and the internet evaluate the cultural and material explanations of ethnic inequalities in health.

1. Identify 5/6 relevant sociologists on cultural and material explanations of ethnic inequalities in health.
2. Evaluate 5/6 concepts for both cultural and material explanations of ethnic inequalities in health.

Task 2: Racism as an explanation

Write a summary of the work of Nazroo and Karlsen (2013) and of Nettleton's research (1995)

Hint: As with any question on class or gender a useful evaluative point is to comment on the relationship between the three, the intersectionality that exists.