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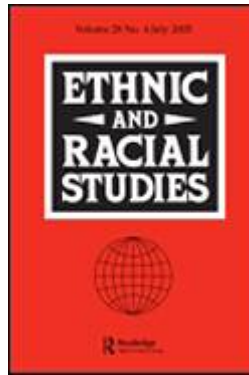
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Table 1. Mean British and ethnic identity scores by ethnic, gender and age groups.

	African	Caribbean	Boys	Girls	Younger	Older
	(N = 67)	(N = 70)	(N = 91)	(N = 46)	(N = 70)	(N = 67)
MEIM (scale 1-4)	3.15 (0.45)	3.15 (0.51)	3.06 (0.46)**	3.32 (0.47)	3.15 (0.45)	3.15 (0.51)
British self-description (scale 1-4)	2.63 (0.78)	2.59 (0.84)	2.65 (0.84)	2.52 (0.75)	2.63 (0.88)	2.58 (0.72)
British/ethnic self-description (scale 1-5)	2.88 (1.02)	3.04 (1.08)	2.98 (1.06)	2.93 (1.04)	2.89 (0.99)	3.04 (1.12)
British stereotypes (scale 1-5)	3.04 (0.55)	3.08 (0.51)	3.08 (0.56)	3.03 (0.47)	3.30 (0.59)	3.39 (0.51)
Ethnic Stereotypes (scale 1-5)	3.29 (0.47)	3.29 (0.62)	3.35 (0.56)	3.32 (0.54)	3.02 (0.57)	3.11 (0.48)
British Pride (scale 1-5)	3.75 (1.04)	3.63 (1.23)	3.80 (1.01)*	3.46 (1.33)	3.81 (1.03)	3.55 (1.23)
Ethnic Pride (scale 1-5)	4.51 (0.73)	4.37 (1.12)	4.40 (0.99)	4.52 (0.86)	4.31 (1.10)	4.57 (0.74)
Internalisation of Britishness (scale 1-5)	3.54 (0.83)	3.51 (0.84)	3.57 (0.85)	3.43 (0.81)	3.69 (0.87)**	3.36 (0.76)
Importance of Britishness (scale 1-4)	2.72 (0.88)	2.73 (0.82)	3.52 (1.52)**	2.87 (0.84)	2.84 (0.91)	2.60 (0.76)
Affect towards the British (scale 1-5)	3.75 (1.42)	3.97 (1.32)	4.03 (1.26) *	3.52 (1.52)	3.83 (1.40)	3.90 (1.34)
* significant at $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$.						

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Table 2. Mean ranks of age, gender, British and ethnicity by participant ethnicity, gender and age groups (lower ranks mean higher relative subjective importance).

	Mean rank (scale 1-4) for					
	Age	Gender	British	Ethnicity	Friedman χ^2	N
Ethnicity						
African	2.98	2.70	2.86	1.46	58.54***	66
Caribbean	2.93	2.51	2.99	1.54	56.49***	70
Gender						
Boys	2.97	2.66	2.82	1.52	71.80***	91
Girls	2.91	2.49	3.13	1.47	44.23***	45
Age group						
Younger	2.80	2.54	3.06	1.57	52.86***	69
Older	3.10	2.67	2.79	1.43	65.06***	67
Total						
	2.95	2.60	2.93	1.50	113.75***	136

*** Significant at $p < .001$.

Table 3. Correlations between British identity components.

	British self-description	British/ethnic self-description	British pride	Internalisation of Britishness	Importance of of Britishness	British stereotyping
British/ethnic self-description	.46***					
British pride	.25**	.26**				
Internalisation of Britishness	.09	.08	.37***			
Importance of Britishness	.12	.05	.35***	.39***		
British Stereotypes	.04	.01	.31***	.28**	.31***	
Affect towards the British	.11	.07	.26**	.27**	.34***	.33***

** significant at $p < .01$; *** $p < .001$ (1-tailed).

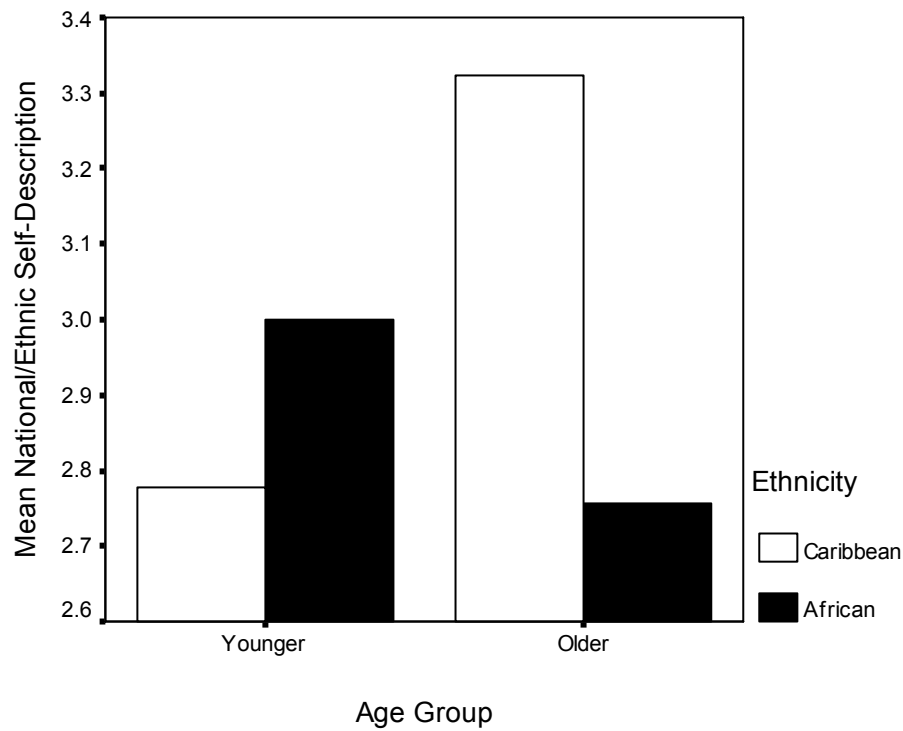
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Figure 1. Mean national/ethnic self-description by younger versus older Caribbean and African adolescents (higher scores more 'British', lower scores more 'Caribbean/African').

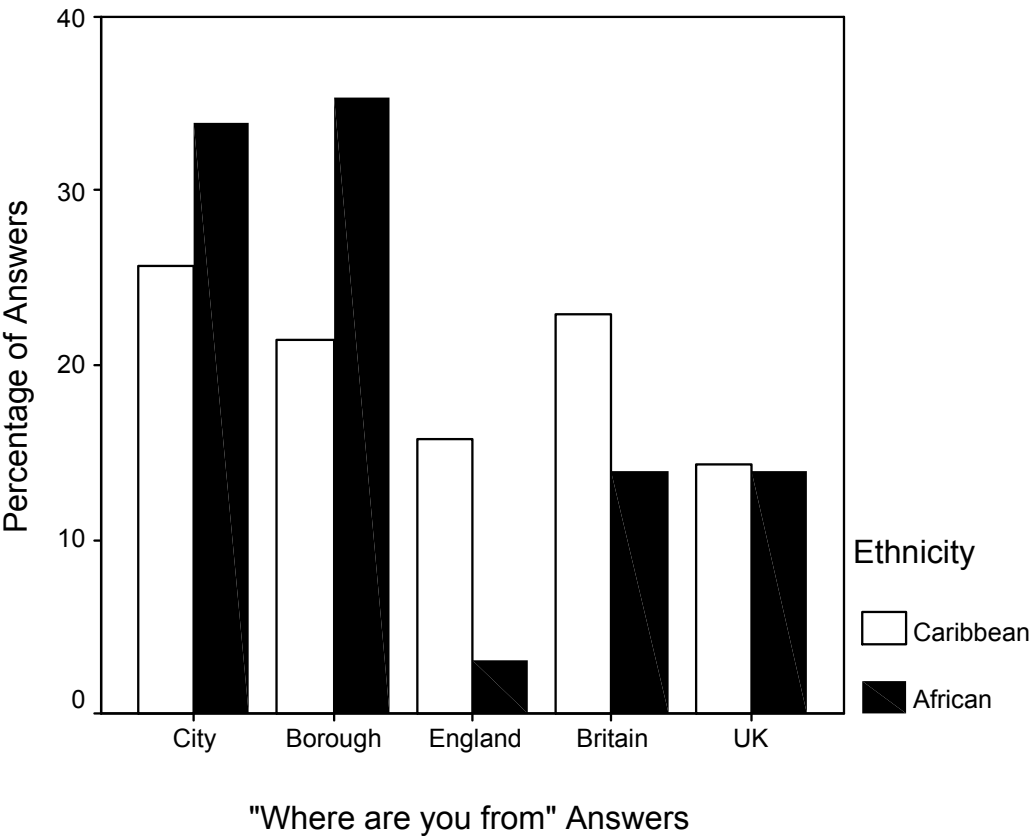


Figure 2. Answers to "where are you from" by Caribbean and African adolescents.

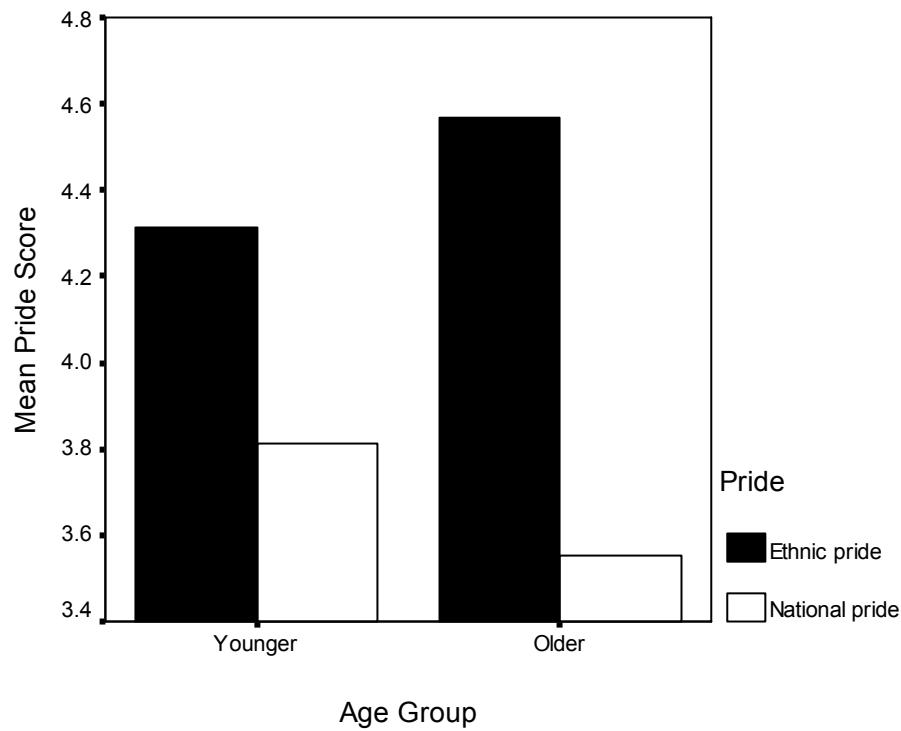
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Figure 3. Mean ethnic and national pride scores of younger and older African-Caribbean adolescents.