Contextualizing the Latino experience: A new perspective of Latino health disparities and policy implications

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# Objectives

- Identify past approaches to Latino health disparities;
- Understand the importance of contextualizing the Latino experience; and
- Identify the policy implications to reduce health disparities.

# Past Approaches to Examining Disparities

Methodological issuesNon-theoretical approaches

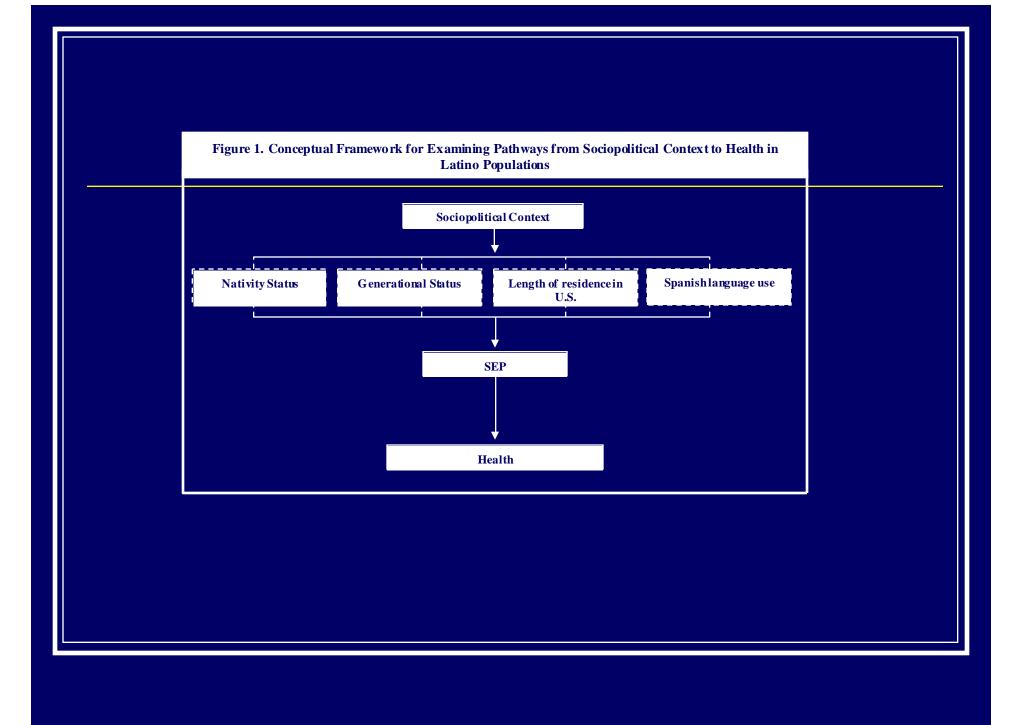
#### Disparities in Latino Health

Latinos in the Black/White paradigm
Intra-group comparisons

## Latino Health Today

Mixed nature of health outcomes

- Measurement limitations of studies examining aggregated populations
- Further disentangling heterogeneity



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## Navigating Segmented Pathways

- Nativity status
- Generational status
- Length of residence in U.S.
- Spanish language use

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## **Policy Implications**

Medicare

- Medicaid
- Immigration reform

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#### Recommendations

 Appropriate study sampling to test intragroup differences, also facilitating intergroup comparisons

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