The Impact of Systemic Racism in the Way Children Learn

A neoclassical approach

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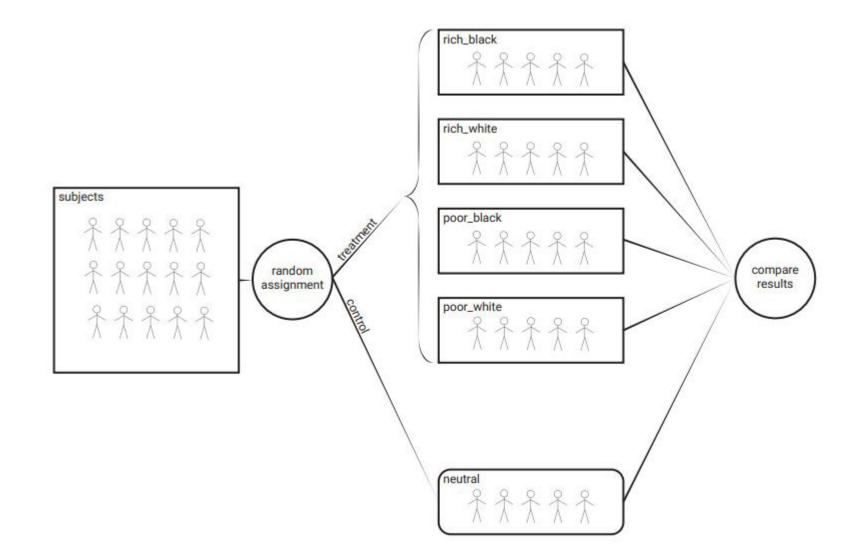
The Method - Randomized Controlled Trial

• Hypothesis:

The information provided to children is valued differently depending on the income(social status) and race of the presentator.

- randomly assigns participants into an experimental group or a control group
- the only expected difference between the control and experimental groups in a randomized controlled trial is the outcome variable being studied

Experimental design



Pros and cons from a pluralist economics perspective

- Pros
 - Causal method (as it is randomised in the selection of participants).
 - Easy to use for policy implications.
- Cons
 - The cultural causal effect (an In-Depth interview with children will provide more knowledge on the idea)

(Todd and Wolpin, 2021, Journal of Economic Literature)

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The Method - Ethnographic Approach

- Field of Observations: Primary schools in India and Germany
- Pierre Bourdieu Discrimation at school towards the children based on cultural capital
- Our Research Question:
- What discrimination at school towards teachers could originate from cultural capital?

Experimental Design

	INDIA	GERMANY
DOXA	Caste	Communication Skill (No castes)
CAPITAL	Brahmin > <i>Highest Capital</i>	Skilled Communicator > Highest Capital
HABITUS	Prayer	Empathy

Pros and Cons from a Pluralist Economics Perspective

• Pros

• Can generate many alternative hypotheses based on observations

- Cons
 - Subjectivity bias
 - Difficult to use for policy implications