

Latinx Youth: Barriers in Digital Media Access



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"Everyday begins like a blank chalkboard, on which each one of us can write the poem of our present and our dreams for the future." -Ricky Martin

Introduction

Digital media access has become a significant advancement and influence in the evolution of society. However, despite the social inequalities that Latinx people experience, the future of its culture demands equal access to a quality educational and social experience. It is important to recognize the combined challenges Latinx communities face within and outside of digital spaces.

Research Question

How are Latinx youth impacted by barriers to digital media access within their social and educational spaces?

Methods

My research was conducted by analyzing academic journals and peer reviewed articles that examined barriers to digital media access impacting Latinx youth.



Figures and Results

It is evident that Latinx children are influenced by the digital inequality of the modern technological era within social and educational environments.

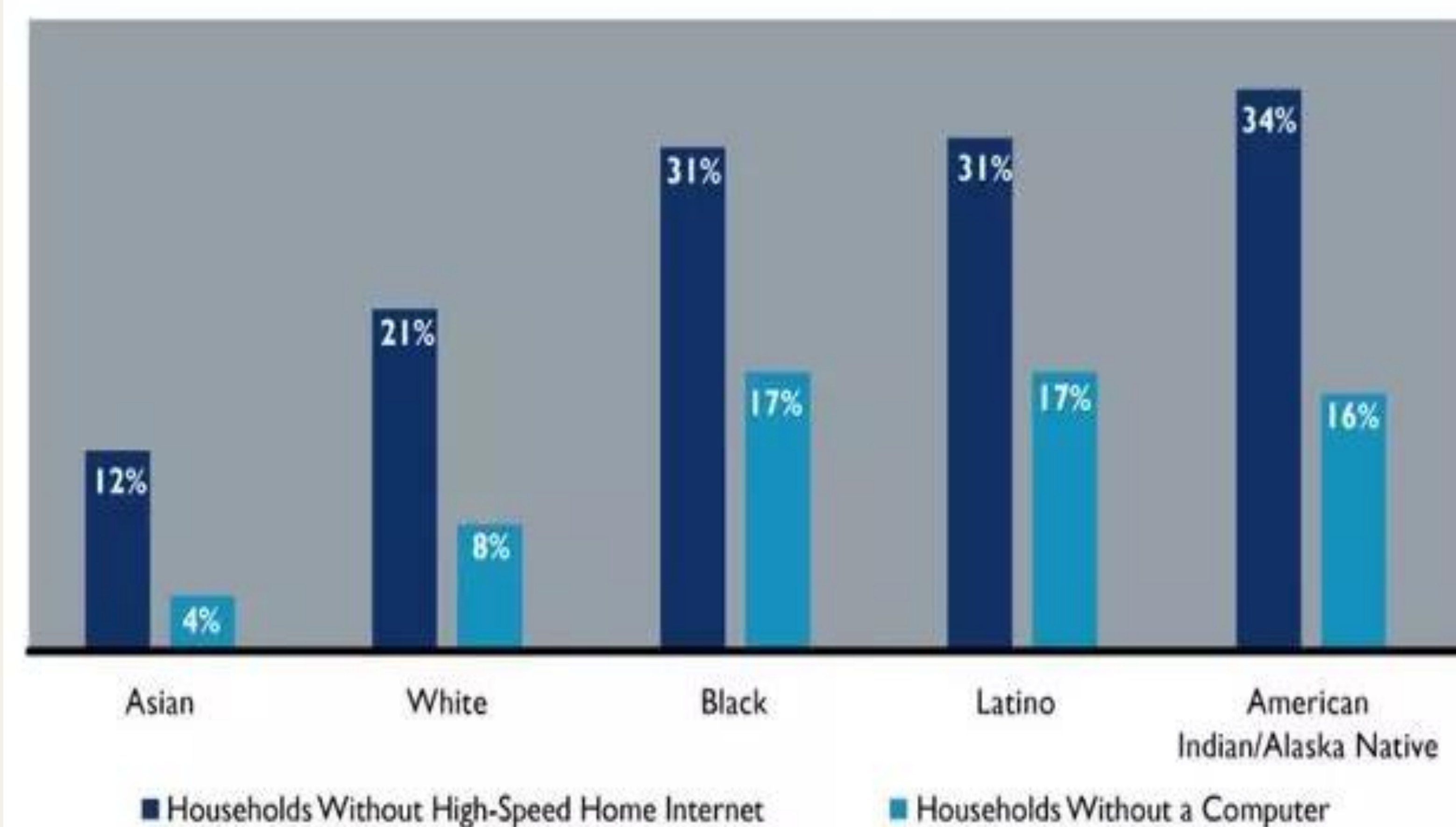
Social and educational environments:

- 1 in 3 American Indian, Black, and Latino children fall into digital divide
- "...inequalities in technology access may result in knowledge gaps, educational opportunity barriers, and disparities in groups' socioeconomic potential, all of which impede fulfillment of democratic goals and ideals."
- -Parental awareness such as "computer knowledge" is essential to their children's school performance.

Conclusion

- Parents with more digital awareness and skills create learning environments where young individuals become more accessible to technology
- Although digital access within Latinx youth has improved over the years (during an era of technological advancements) there is still much to do to narrow the technology gap. Especially in underserved communities where it is an opportunity for children to prosper and reach their full potential
- Research suggest digital access in education is a motivation for students to pursue their interests and goals

Race & Ethnicity



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