

Importance of Contextual Factors in Addressing Health Inequities

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**Because Health Inequities Are
Avoidable, Unjust, and Actionable
We Asked....**

**Are DVP efforts
congruent with
the burden of
violence?**

**How well is DVP
addressing
race/ethnic
inequities?**

**Does our work
encourage the field
to address
race/ethnic
inequities?**

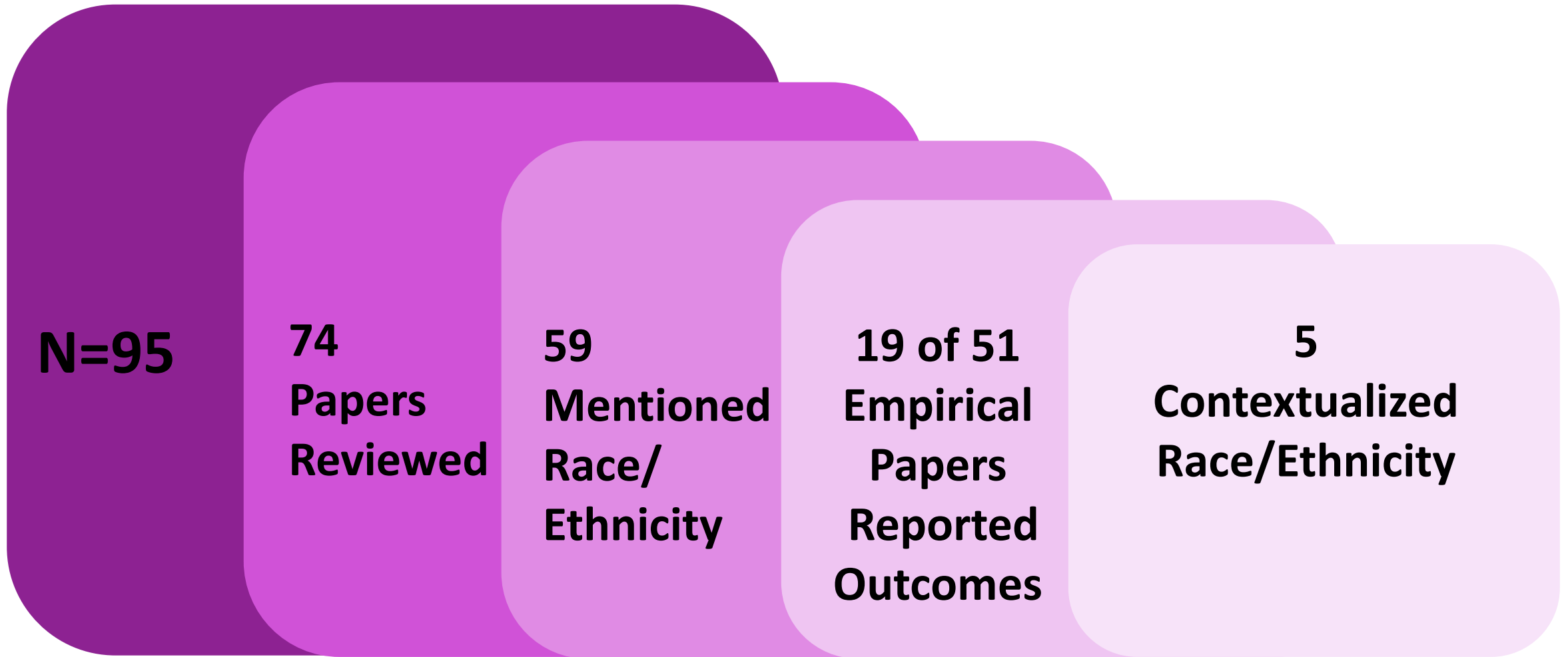
Possible Indicators

- Publications**
- Funding
 - Cooperative Agreements
 - Grants
 - Contracts
- Data/Surveillance Systems
- Partners
- Social Media
- Websites
- Translation Tools



**Any of these could serve
as an indicator of DVP's
commitment to
addressing racial
inequities**

Race/Ethnicity Rarely Contextualized in DVP Products



Review of 2016 DVP Bibliography

Moving Forward

- Move beyond only mentioning and reporting race/ethnicity
- Place unequal burden into context of systems that develop and maintain inequities
- Shift the narrative from individual risk to societal conditions
- Identify opportunities to eliminate racial/ethnic inequities

Strengthen Organizational Policies & Practices

- Include eliminating inequities in DVP strategic vision
- Develop policies to address inequities via
 - Project initiation system
 - Clearance checklist
 - NOFO development
- Integrate WHO framework into DVP work
 - Division-wide training



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