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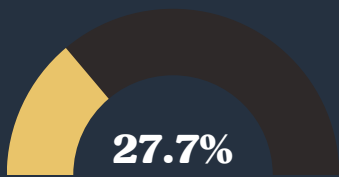
ON FIRST-GENERATION AND WORKING-CLASS PEOPLE IN SOCIOLOGY

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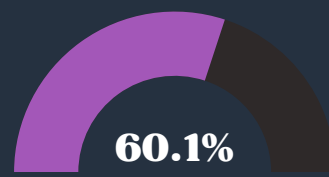
Documenting Representation of First-Generation and Working-Class People in the Discipline

(Source: ASA-FGWC July 2022 Report)



249 FGWC
203 non-FGWC

Graduate Student Respondents



536 FGWC
446 non-FGWC

Faculty Respondents
tenure-track/tenured
adjunct, or lecturer

Defining First-Generation and Working-Class



no parent or caregiver had obtained a bachelor's degree
&
all parents' or caregivers' occupational status was working class

Continuing-generation - those for whom at least one parent/caregiver had earned a bachelor's degree or higher (non-FGWC)

RECOMMENDATION #2

Adding an occupational class-based indicator

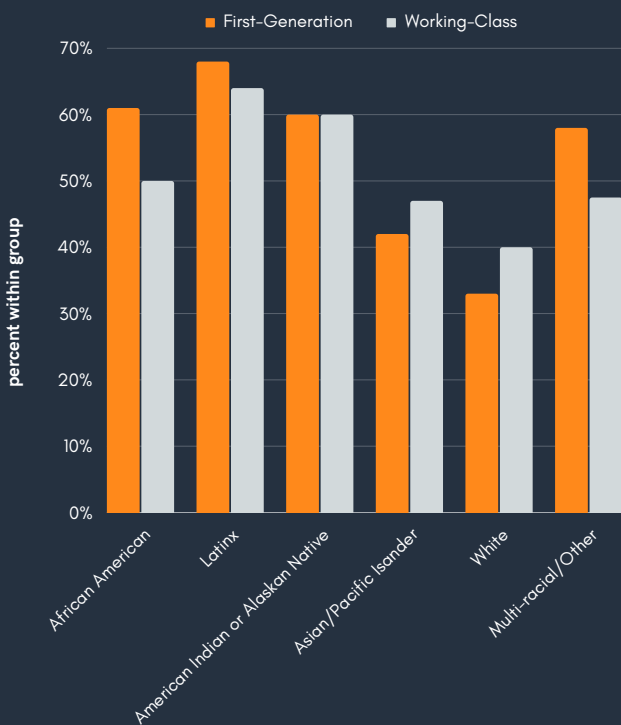
to first-generation status indicator can provide even more precision when needed

RECOMMENDATION #3

Whenever possible in data collection and programmatic efforts treat **race/ethnicity and FGWC status** as **intersectional variables** considering both their **unique and joint effects**

Among graduate students, 33.6% of FGWC respondents and 19.7% of the non-FGWC graduate students were BIPOC

Graduate Students

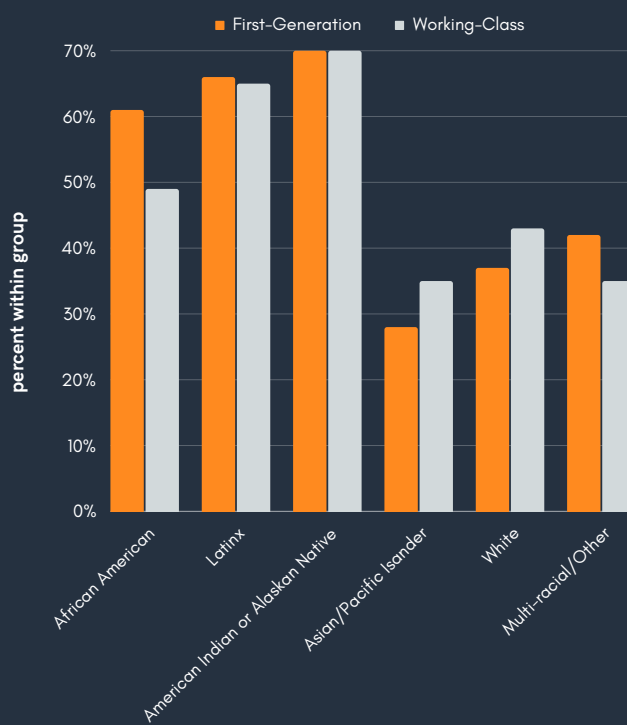


Across the sample, African American, Latinx, American Indian, and other/multiracial graduate students are about **twice as likely** as their White counterparts to be first-generation and about **one and a half times more likely** to be working-class¹

Among graduate students:
61.6% of FGWC respondents were women compared to 68.1% of the non-FGWC respondents

Among faculty, 25.9% of the FGWC respondents and 16.6% of the non-FGWC faculty were BIPOC

Faculty



Across the sample of faculty members, African American and Latinx respondents are up to **twice as likely** as their White and Asian counterparts to be of first-generation and working-class background²

Among faculty:
there were almost no differences in gender proportions across the two groups

For more details please see the recent publications from the ASA Task Force on *First-Generation and Working-Class Persons in Sociology Project*

¹The Graduate School Pipeline and First-Generation/Working-Class Inequalities, 2023 ([here](#))

²Mobility and Inequality in the Professoriate: How and Why First-Generation and Working-Class Backgrounds Matter, 2023 ([here](#))