

Recollection and familiarity in recognizing faces from own- and other-ethnic groups

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People are more accurate at identifying faces from their own ethnic group than from other ethnic groups. Recent evidence suggests that there may be a specific impairment in recollection for other-ethnicity faces. A single study will be presented, in which White and Black participants studied White and Black faces, which were shown on different backgrounds. The participants took part in an old/new recognition test. Old responses were followed by Remember-Know-Guess judgments and context judgments. Own-ethnicity faces were recognized more accurately, were given more Remember responses, and produced more accurate context judgments than other-ethnicity faces. These results will be discussed in a dual-process framework, and implications for eyewitness memory will be considered.