



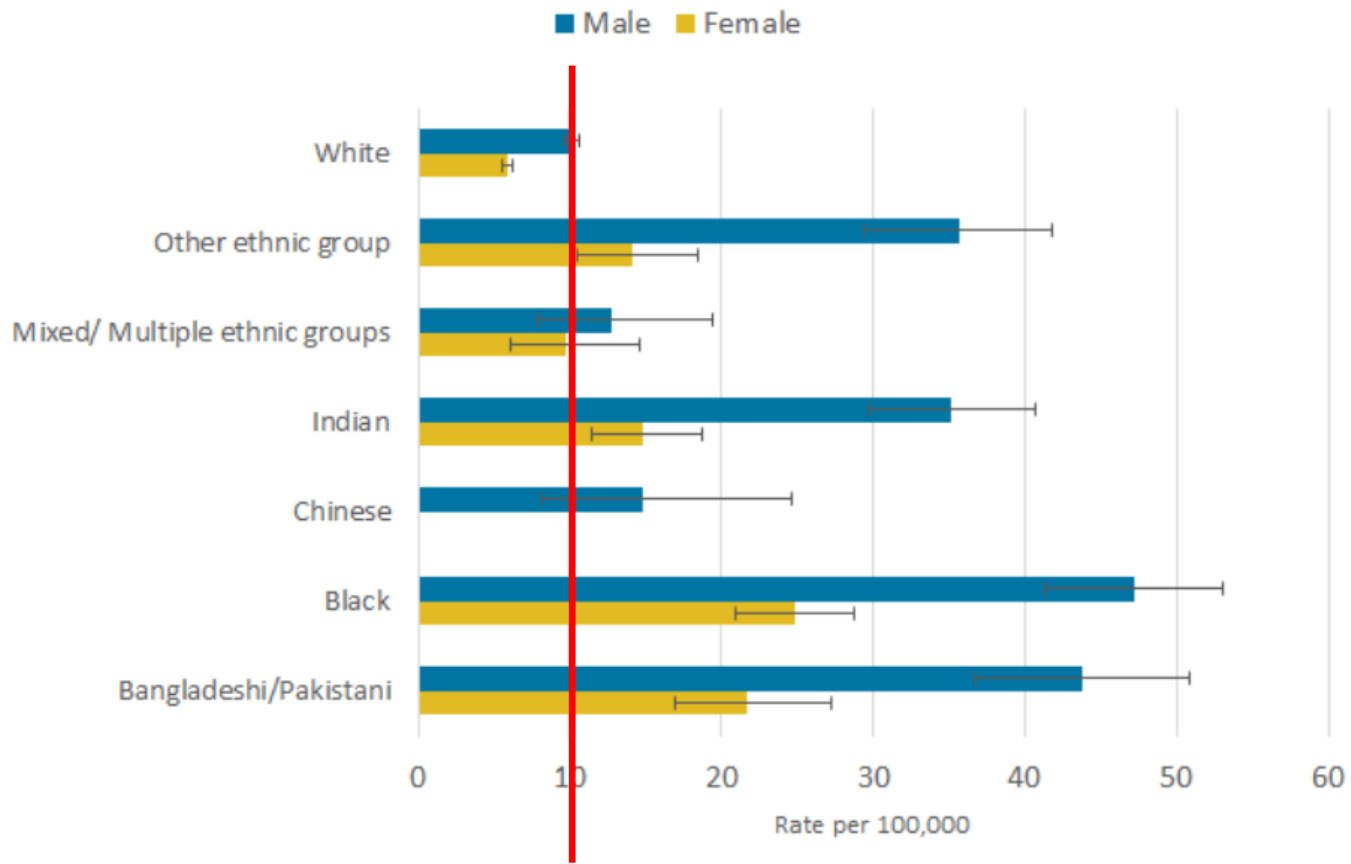
# Understanding ethnic inequalities in COVID-19

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# Evidence



Source: Office for National Statistics

Age-standardised rates for deaths involving COVID-19 at ages 9 to 64 years by sex and ethnic group, per 100,000 people: England and Wales, occurring 2 May to 15 May 2020

## Why are more people from BAME backgrounds dying from coronavirus?



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Beyond the data: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups

Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19

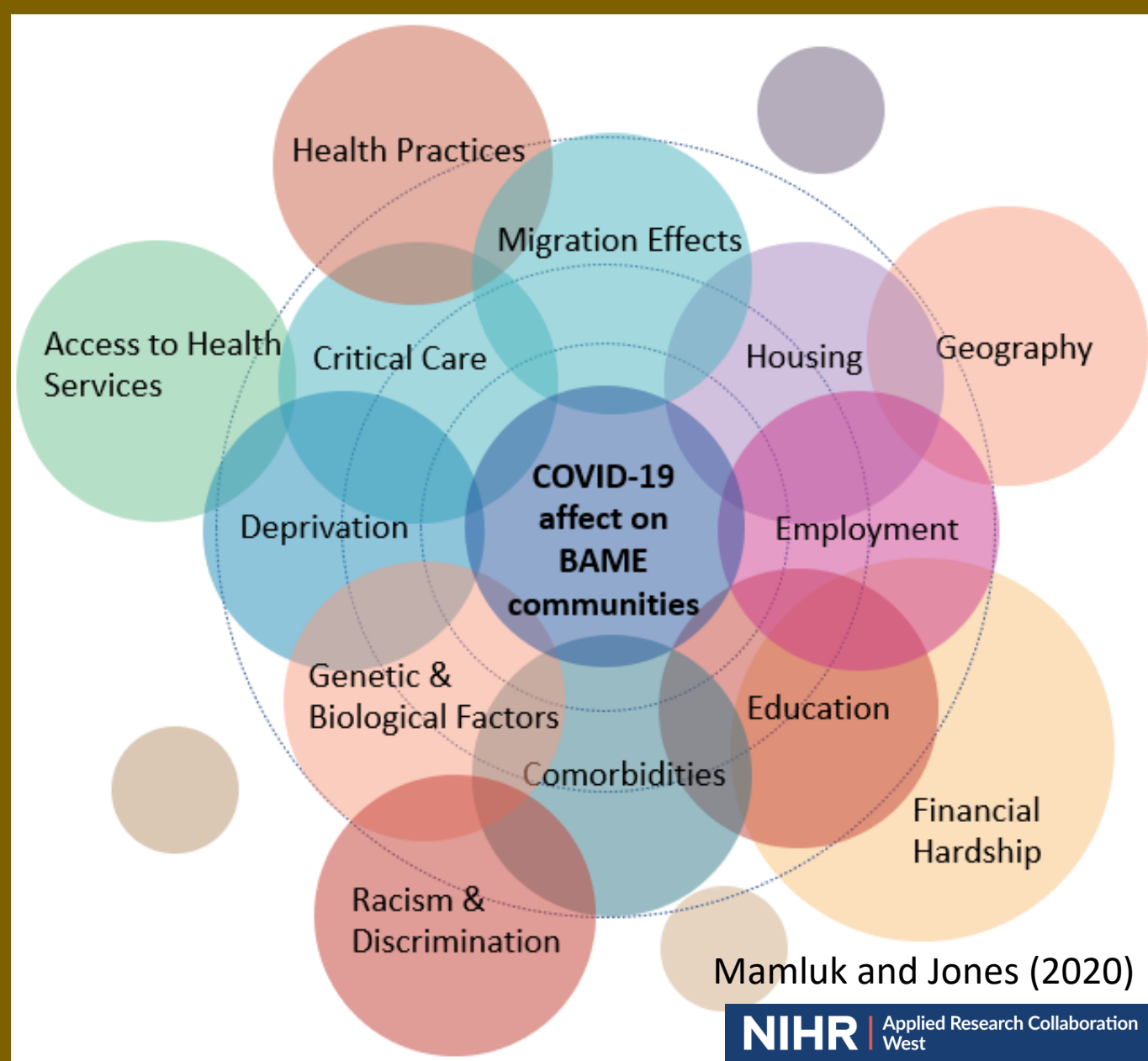


Are some ethnic groups more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others?

Lucinda Platt and Ross Warwick

# Explanations:

- Cultures/behaviours
- Genetics/biology
- Structural/societal



*“Aggregating groups together masks much of the story with regards to ethnic inequalities, and limits the scope for understanding why they have come about”* Platt and Warwick (2020)



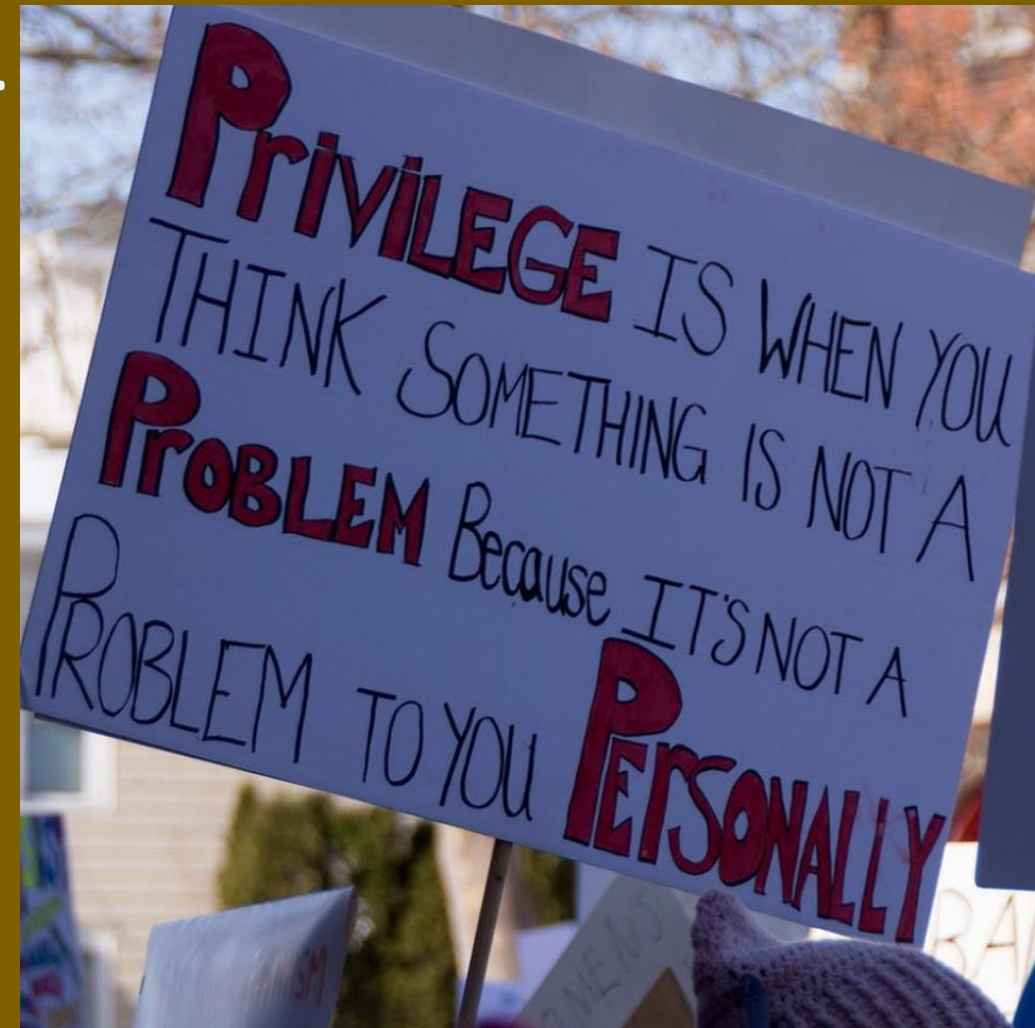
#BlackLivesMatter here too

“Instead of thinking of race as a biologic category, we need to think about race as a political category that has staggering biologic consequences” (Roberts 2012:129)

# The way forward...

We must recognise that:

- Racism is multiple, historical and hidden.
- We can only tell our own stories.
- We can use our privilege.
- This is society's problem to solve.
- The statues are only the start.



# Lastly, a request

## BAME communities and COVID-19

BAME people have been among the hardest hit by the coronavirus and the lockdown.

Black South West Network and the University of Bristol are working together to find out more about the experiences of the pandemic of BAME people living in the South West.

If you would like to take part in our **survey**, and be entered into our prize draw, please click on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KNRC7CL>

If you would like take part in an **interview** or in **focus group** about your experiences, please email [rosie.nelson@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:rosie.nelson@bristol.ac.uk) for more information.

