Submission to the Journal of Economics, Race

and Policy,

Dear Editors of the Journal of Economics, Race and Policy,

I am writing to submit my manuscript titled "The Impact of Hispanic Last Names on Educational and Labor Market Outcomes" for consideration in the Journal of Economics, Race and Policy.

This paper examines the critical issue of discrimination against Hispanics in the United States labor market, with a particular focus on the impact of Hispanic last names and self-identification on educational attainment and earnings. As the Hispanic population continues to grow in the United States, understanding the extent and mechanisms of discrimination against this group becomes increasingly important for policymakers, educators, and economists alike.

The research presented in this paper makes several important contributions:

- 1. It employs a novel methodological approach, comparing children of interethnic marriages (Hispanic-White and White-Hispanic) to isolate the effect of having a Hispanic last name on labor market outcomes.
- 2. It provides evidence of disparities in both educational attainment and earnings associated with Hispanic last names, even when controlling for family background and other factors.
- 3. It contributes to the growing literature on discrimination in access to education and its subsequent effects on labor market outcomes for minority groups.
- 4. It offers insights into the heterogeneity of outcomes within the Hispanic population, examining differences between Mexican and non-Mexican Hispanics.

The findings of this study have important implications for understanding the persistent economic disparities faced by Hispanics in the United States. By demonstrating that individuals with Hispanic last names complete fewer years of education and earn less than their counterparts with non-Hispanic names, even when controlling for family background, this research highlights the need for targeted policies to address these inequalities.

I believe this paper aligns well with the scope and aims of the Journal of Economics, Race and Policy, as it addresses critical issues at the intersection of economics, race, and public policy. The interdisciplinary nature of this research, com-

bining economic analysis with insights from sociology and education, makes it particularly suitable for your journal's readership.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response and any feedback you may have.

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Sincerely, Hussain Hadah