## **Public Comments for ICR 202302-0607-001**

Author Full Name: Michael Michael Michael Mehael Michael Mehael Michael Mehael Michael Mehael Mehael

## **Comments Received:**

Hello.

I am requesting a new sub-group category be established for the Census racial category of White. Currently, the American census defines the White racial category as: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa, including Semitic, Hispanic and Latino populations.

Within this broad racial category, exist a population of people (original peoples of Europe) who are NOT of Semitic, Hispanic/Latino OR Middle eastern and N. African descent AND are left WITHOUT a unique identifier.

Without a unique identifier, we are unable to measure our access to institutions, jobs, scholarships and so on. Also, we are unable to document and evidence situations, policies or laws that are discriminatory or negatively impact our population as there is no unique identifier to use, and therefore, without the ability to "evidence" this, we are locked out from our own justice system/accessing our rights.

In addition, the political climate has become somewhat radicalized, with activists bouncing back/forth between different group identities in order to shift blame, conceal discrimination or cause other forms of trouble. In order to neutralize this sort of behavior, a unique identifier is required (one that other protected groups don't bounce in and out of).

So, What Subgroup Identifier Do I Propose?

I like the term White-Ethnics for several reasons. It's plural and acknowledges the shared ancestry for the original peoples of Europe WITHOUT erasing the different heritages and ethnic/cultural identities. It also allows the Minority/Non-Minority evaluations to be completed for the White racial category as it has only been applied to all other categories to date (published articles /studies are actually inaccurate as they refer to minorities as "White"). It also gives us the ability to measure for distribution among the subgroups contained within the broad racial category of White (this is necessary since "racial-equity" policies are now becoming a part of politics + the EO Biden just signed. No unique identifier = NOTHING for our populations in racial-equity policies etc.

The American census already acknowledges people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, but denies a unique identifier like White-Ethnics.

## A Working Definition for White-Ethnics

- The only remaining portion of the White racial category who is left without an officially recognized subgroup identity.
- We are not coded as Minority in the legal system so we are already separated out from the other sub-group populations and acknowledged as a different people at the government level.
- We live and operate in a different legal framework than the other protected subgroups do. We are NOT heritage-based "protected groups".
- We are the portion of the population that the government has left unprotected.
- \* We re not of Semitic, Middle Eastern or Hispanic/Latino origin.