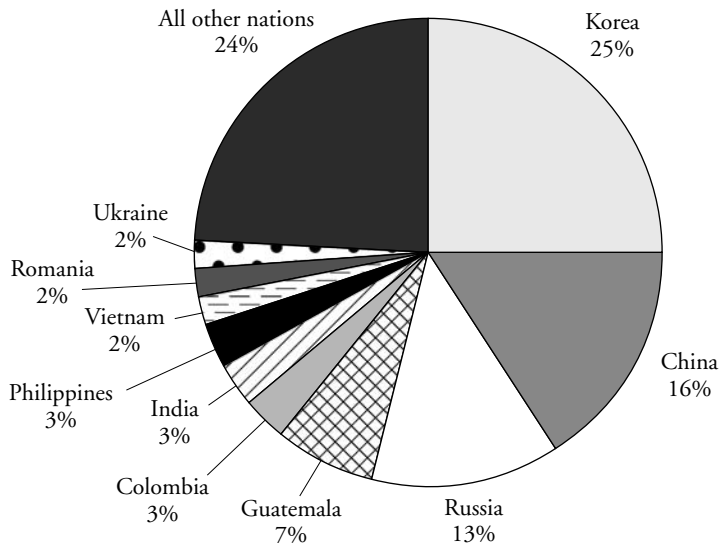


Figure 1.1 Cumulative International Adoptions into the United States, 1948 to 2009



Source: Authors' compilation based on Altstein and Simon (1991) (for 1963 to 1987, total adoptions: 137,437) and U.S. Department of State (2010) (for FY1989 to FY2009, total adoptions: 290,958); 1988 data are unavailable.

Note: Data for "all other nations" from the U.S. Department of State include only the top twenty or more source countries and therefore are an underestimate.

Table 3.1 **Distribution of Korean Adoptees by Family Strategies and Their Consequences**

Consequences	Family Strategies	
	Rejection of Difference	Acknowledgment of Difference
Cope alone	74% (23)	46% (13)
Shared fate	26% (8)	54% (15)
Total	(31)	(28)

Source: Authors' compilation based on Shiao and Tuan (2008a).

Table 3.2 Pathways from Family Strategies to Consequences for Family Cohesion

Family Orientation	Approach to Race	Family Response to Racial Prejudice	Consequences
Acknowledgers	Acknowledge racial differences	Advocacy and support	Shared fate
	Reject racial differences	No advocacy or support	Cope alone
Rejecters	Reject racial differences	Advocacy and support	Shared fate
	Reject racial differences	No advocacy or support	Cope alone

Source: Authors' compilation.

Table 3.3 Family Strategies and Consequences, by Birth Cohort

	1950s		1960s		1970s	
	Reject Differences	Acknowledge Differences	Reject Differences	Acknowledge Differences	Reject Differences	Acknowledge Differences
Cope alone	84.6%	87.5%	33.3%	37.5%	73.3%	25.0%
	(11)	(7)	(1)	(3)	(11)	(3)
Shared fate	15.4	12.5	66.7	62.5	26.6	75.0
	(2)	(1)	(2)	(5)	(4)	(9)
Total	(13)	(8)	(3)	(8)	(15)	(12)

Source: Authors' calculations.

Table 4.1 Variations in Non-Exploration and Ethnic Exploration Among Adoptees

Reasons for Non-Exploration ($n = 26$)	Specific Conditions
Absence of opportunity	College attendance during earlier decades ($n = 3$) Racially homogeneous workplaces and communities ($n = 8$) Substantial family or life responsibilities ($n = 5$) Dysfunctional personal situations ($n = 5$) ^a
Lack of interest	Nonsalience of race ($n = 5$) Aversion to Asians and Asian Americans ($n = 5$)
Types of Ethnic Exploration ($n = 32$)	Specific Content
Nominal	Preexisting social immersion ($n = 2$)
Personal	Open-ended school assignments ($n = 2$)
Interactive (tracks)	
Social exposure track	College-related programs and activities, including ethnic student associations ($n = 13$) ^b Nonpeer social interactions ($n = 3$) Asian-business employment and Asian-coworker friendships ($n = 3$)
Cultural heritage track	College-related programs and activities, including study abroad in Asia ($n = 9$) ^b Military service in Asia or the Pacific ($n = 3$)

Source: Shiao and Tuan (2008b). © 2008 by The University of Chicago.

^aThe dysfunctional cases are also counted among the other “absence of opportunity” categories.

^bThe college-related cases include duplicate counts of three adoptees who reported a balance of activities on both tracks.

Table 6.1 **Distribution of Ethnic Identities in Adulthood**

Ethnic Labels	Korean Adoptees		Non-Adoptees	
	Primary Identity	Disidentifications	Primary Identity	Disidentifications
American	28.1%	29.8%	21.4%	50.0%
Korean or equivalent	29.8	14.0	14.3	10.7
Korean American or equivalent	14.0	12.3	25.0	7.1
Asian American	17.5	1.8	17.9	10.7
Asian	0.0	10.5	0.0	14.3
Mixed	3.5	0.0	3.6	0.0
Multiple	7.0	0.0	17.9	0.0
Total	57	31	28	18

Source: Authors' calculations.

Note: The disidentifications sum to more than 100 percent because individuals could express multiple disidentifications.

Table A.1 Adoptee Characteristics

First Name	Last Name	Age in 2001	Occupation	Arrival Cohort
Gabrielle	Anderson	43	Notary public	1950s
Carrie	Bennett	31	Counselor/management	1970s
Mona	Brown	28	Security officer, county corrections	1970s
Samantha	Cawthorne	41	Air traffic controller	1960s
John	Davis	48	Financial consultant	1950s
Marc	Dwinelle	47	Longshoreman	1950s
Kyung-Soon	Edwards	33	Insurance claims adjuster	1960s
Rufus	Fitzgerald	34	Naval officer fire control	1960s
Melissa	Garvey	29	Office manager/chiropractic assistant	1970s
Diane	Genovese	31	Director, international visitor program	1970s
Karen	Granger	26	Bookkeeper, family accounting firm	1970s
Faith	Green	43	Bookkeeper	1950s
Ross	Green	42	Construction foreman	1950s
Sharon	Harding	25	Student/human resources	1970s
Ryan	Hilyard	29	Sales representative, Internet banking	1970s
Linus	Hobart	46	Computer engineer	1950s
Ok-kyun	Hollander	34	Executive assistant to president of real estate development	1960s
Amy	Hollis	42	Secretary/owner, trucking company	1950s
Margaret	Houston	43	Owner, ceramic tile business	1950s
Judy	Hudson	42	Surgical dental assistant	1950s
Christopher	Hurley	51	Train engineer	1950s

Family Strategy	Coping Strategy	Childhood Neighborhood	Highest Education	Primary Identity
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Master's	Asian American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Korean
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	Diverse rural	High school	None
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Asian American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Korean American
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	High school	Korean
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White rural	Bachelor's	Korean American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	Diverse metropolitan	Some college	Korean American
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Korean
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Some college	American
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Some college	Asian American
Reject	Shared fate	White rural	Some college	American
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Mixed race
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	High school	Multiple
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Some college	Multiple
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Asian American

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Table A.1 Adoptee Characteristics (Continued)

First Name	Last Name	Age in 2001	Occupation	Arrival Cohort
Nancy	Jacobs	31	Human services/management	1970s
Natalie	Johnson	41	Homemaker currently/has MBA	1970s
Charlene	Jones	30	Chemist	1970s
Linda	King	26	Graduate student/MSW in counseling	1970s
Mary	Klein	46	Accountant	1950s
Carmen	Krum	48	Office specialist, insurance agency	1950s
Caleb	Littell	28	Producer of extreme sports videos	1970s
Holly	Littell	26	Sales TV commercials	1970s
Brandon	Luebke	28	River-rafting guide	1970s
Jim	Moreau	40	Automotive painter	1960s
Susette	Morgan	29	Homemaker/administrative assistant	1970s
Stephanie	Muller	27	Finance	1970s
Duncan	Myers	34	Federal corrections officer	1960s
Marsha	Nelson	45	Computer network sales/ now retired	1950s
Kerry	Nowitsky	25	Computer support technician/student	1970s
Gwen	Owens	41	Office manager, real estate development	1960s
Brian	Packard	27	Technical writer for engineering firm	1970s
Lisa	Packard	26	Interior design for housing development	1970s

Family Strategy	Coping Strategy	Childhood Neighborhood	Highest Education	Primary Identity
Reject	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Master's	Asian American
Reject	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Doctoral	American
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Master's	Korean American
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Mixed race
Reject	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean
Acknowledge	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Some college	American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Some college	Korean
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	Diverse rural	High school	American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White metropolitan	High school	American
Reject	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Some college	American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White rural	Bachelor's	American
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Asian American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Some college	Korean
Acknowledge	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean
Acknowledge	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Bachelor's	Asian American

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Table A.1 Adoptee Characteristics (Continued)

First Name	Last Name	Age in 2001	Occupation	Arrival Cohort
Jenine	Peterson	38	Elementary schoolteacher	1960s
Maisie	Potter	44	Federal management analyst	1950s
Stephen	Pratt	48	Police training supervisor	1950s
Amanda	Quick	28	Student/mother	1970s
Julia	Reiner	31	Legal assistant	1970s
Matt	Riley	33	Farmer	1960s
Thomas	Ryan	26	Probation officer	1970s
Ella	Scott	27	Customer service manager and marketing assistant	1970s
Leslie	Shuford	44	Project manager, Kaiser Hospital	1950s
Bianca	Spencer	37	Homemaker/manager of group home	1960s
Emily	Stewart	27	Mother/homemaker	1970s
William	Sullivan	41	Computer programmer/consultant	1950s
Marianne	Townsend	45	Accountant	1950s
Tracey	Tulane	47	Music teacher	1950s
Taylor	Vogel	29	Graphics coordinator	1970s
Ruth	Weasley	40	Homemaker	1960s
Jennifer	Welch	41	Corporate manager	1950s
Zachary	White	28	Groundskeeper, golf course	1970s
Sherwin	Wright	44	Finance manager	1950s
Kirsten	Young	29	Homemaker/nonprofit staff	1970s

Source: Authors' compilation.

Family Strategy	Coping Strategy	Childhood Neighborhood	Highest Education	Primary Identity
Reject	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean
Reject	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Some college	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	American
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	American
Reject	Shared fate	Diverse metropolitan	Some college	Asian American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White rural		
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Bachelor's	American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Some college	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Bachelor's	Asian American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White metropolitan	High school	American
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Asian American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White metropolitan	Some college	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Bachelor's	Korean
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White rural	Some college	Mixed race
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White rural	Some college	Korean American
Acknowledge	Shared fate	White rural	Bachelor's	Korean American
Reject	Shared fate	White metropolitan	Bachelor's	Korean
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	High school	Korean American
Acknowledge	Cope alone	White rural	Bachelor's	Mixed race
Reject	Cope alone	White rural	Bachelor's	American

Table A.2 Non-Adoptee Characteristics

First Name	Last Name	Age in 2001	Occupation	Highest Education	Primary Identity
Sandra	Chan	31	University academic adviser	Master's	Multiple
Peggy	Chang	34	Senior accounting technician	Bachelor's	Korean equivalent
Daniel	Chang	36	Pastor	Master's	Asian American
Edward	Chen	37	Project manager, engineering	Bachelor's	American
Kelly	Choy	26	Information technology engineer	Bachelor's	Korean American equivalent
Jessica	Ho	34	Mother/homemaker	Bachelor's	Korean American equivalent
Nicole	Kim	41	Marketing manager	Bachelor's	Korean equivalent
Brenda	Kitano	43	Computer systems manager	Bachelor's	Multiple
Deborah	Kuohung	34	Investment banker	Master's	American
Mary	Lam	26	Marketing	Master's	Korean American equivalent
Denise	Lee	29	Graphic designer	Bachelor's	Asian American
Wayne	Liu	27	Computer consultant	Bachelor's	American
Beth	Lum	27	Infant development specialist	Bachelor's	Multiple
Kenneth	Maxime	44	Driver, parcel delivery	Bachelor's	American
Thui	Nguyen	27	Human resources	Bachelor's	Asian American

Milli	Park	42	Engineering manager	Bachelor's	Asian American
Courtney	Perry	31	Underwriter	Master's	Mixed
Alice	Root	43	Mother, substitute teacher, former accountant	Bachelor's	Korean American equivalent
Michael	Shin	41	Air Force program manager (major)	Bachelor's	American
Patricia	Song	24	Public relations, technology	Bachelor's	Multiple
Meredith	SooHoo	29	Computer marketing	Bachelor's	Asian American
Viet	Thai	29	Software engineer	Some college	Multiple
Andrea	Theanh	29	Corporate human resources recruiter	Master's	Asian American
Cai	Tran	28	Events manager, corporate	High school	Korean equivalent
Paul	Vo	37	Architect	Bachelor's	American
Camille	Wong	26	Accountant	Bachelor's	Korean American equivalent
David	Yamaguchi	41	Account manager	Some college	Korean American equivalent
Lindsay	Yang	30	College bookstore supervisor	Some college	Korean equivalent
Bobby	Yep	44	Director, food services department, entertainment	Bachelor's	Korean American equivalent

Source: Authors' compilation.

Table A.3 **Age at Time of Adoption**

Age	Percentage	<i>N</i>
Under one year old	46%	27
One to five years old	46	27
Six years and older	8	5

Source: Authors' calculations.