

ASIAN CULTURES

How Disability Might Be Perceived



(ASIAN)
RUSSIA

KAZAKHSTAN

MONGOLIA

(ASIAN)
TURKEY

NORTH KOREA

SOUTH KOREA

JAPAN

CHINA

SYRIA

IRAQ

IRAN

AFGHANISTAN

PAKISTAN

INDIA

NEPAL

BHUTAN

BANGLA
DESH

MYANMAR
(BURMA)

LAOS

THAILAND

VIETNAM

CAMBODIA

TAIWAN

PHILIPPINES

SAUDI
ARABIA

YEMEN

OMAN

BAHRAIN

QATAR

U.A.E.

MALDIVES

SRI
LANKA

MALAYSIA

SINGAPORE

BRUNEI

INDONESIA

EAST TIMOR
(TIMOR-LESTE)



Adults with Disabilities: Ethnicity and Race

When it comes to the health of people with disabilities, it's important to know the health differences among racial and ethnic groups

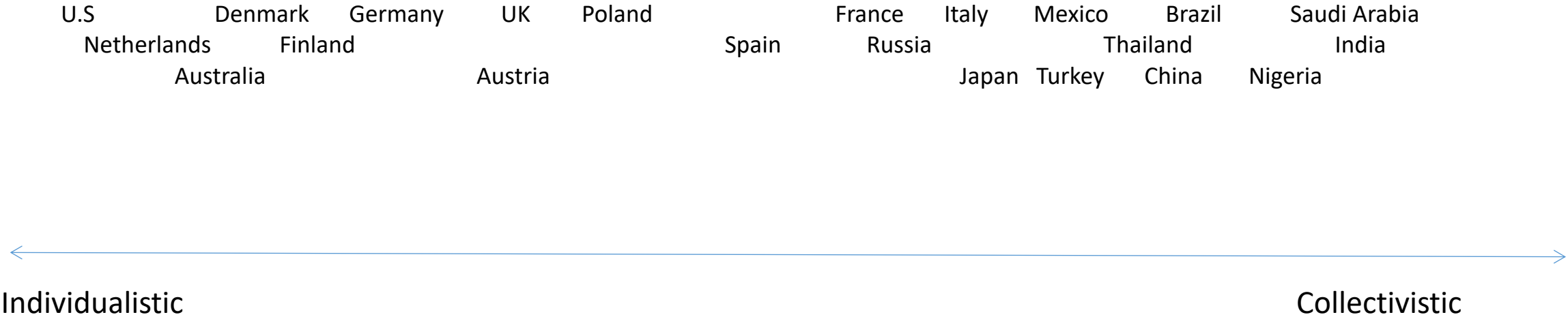
Approximate number of adults with a disability by ethnicity and race



CULTURAL STIGMA

- ❖ Taboo subject
- ❖ Something to hide, be ashamed of or to get rid of through finding a possible cure
- ❖ Traditional views often rely on superstitions that disability is a form of punishment
 - ❑ Karma
 - ❑ Shame and Blame

Individualistic – Collectivistic Cultures



The concept of Face-Saving

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ Provide resources for Asian Americans on how to have conversations about disability with their families and in their community.
- ❑ Train staff to be culturally sensitive when interacting with disabled Asian Americans.
- ❑ Make handouts and readings accessible in the person's desired language.
- ❑ Conduct more research on the unique struggles of disabled Asian Americans as a product of both disability and Asian American identities.

RESOURCES

- [Asian Americans with Disabilities Initiative \(AADI\)](#)
- [Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California \(APIDC\)](#)
- [Asian Center Southeast Michigan \(AC-SE MI\)](#).