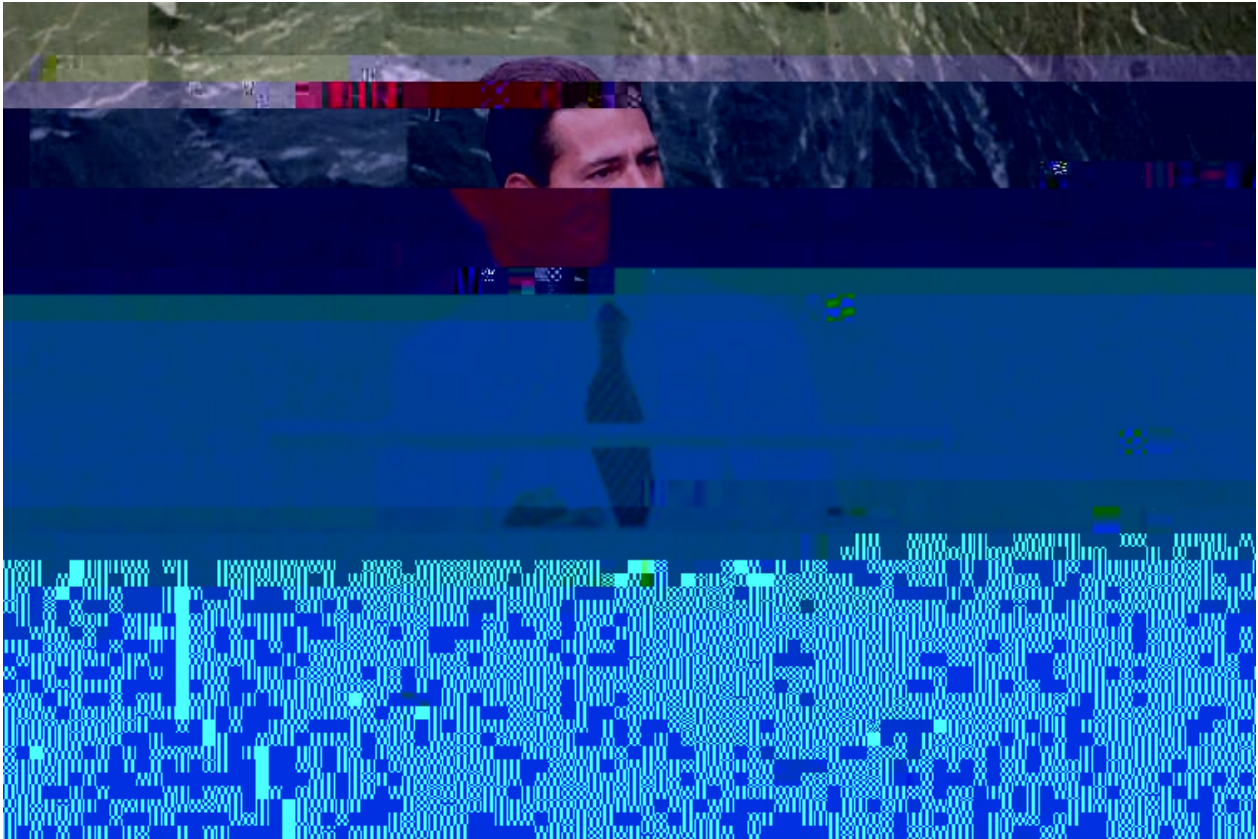


Study reveals racial inequality in M

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President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico has called racial mixing the 'future of humanity' but has largely ignored racism in the country. Reuters

Not an isolated case

Our results add to a growing body of academic research highlighting a reality the government doesn't want to admit: Racism exists in Mexico.

Racial and ethnic biases have so far been documented in Mexico's allocation of public resources, politics and, notably, the labor market.

A recent report from the National Institute of Statistics, for example, finds that white people comprise 27 percent of all white-collar workers and just 5 percent of the agricultural sector.

Occasionally, some high-profile incident will bring Mexico's racism to light. For example, there was outcry in 2013 when Aeromexico, Mexico's most important airline, issued a commercial casting call saying that "nadie moreno" – no dark-skinned people – need to audition.

More often, though, racism is ignored or explained away. Many Mexicans, for example, argue that dark-skinned Mexicans tend to belong to ethnic, cultural and linguistic minorities and live in historically disadvantaged areas, like the rural south and the heavily indigenous high mountains.

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