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3rd Annual Conference: Pathways to Health and Well-Being

Infomercial Packet:

- Characteristics of CANDLE Sample
- Update Status:
 - Cohort
 - Bio-repository
 - Biomarkers
 - Genetics



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THE CONDITIONS AFFECTING NEUROCOGNITIVE
DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Community, Family and Individual Characteristics for SE Problems
and Physical Attributes

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Adverse Events(AE) and Childhood Adverse Events (ACE) in CANDLE

- Background
- Community Characteristics
- Maternal AE and ACE effects on SE and physical health in CANDLE children
- Individual Characteristics- Fred Palmer will present

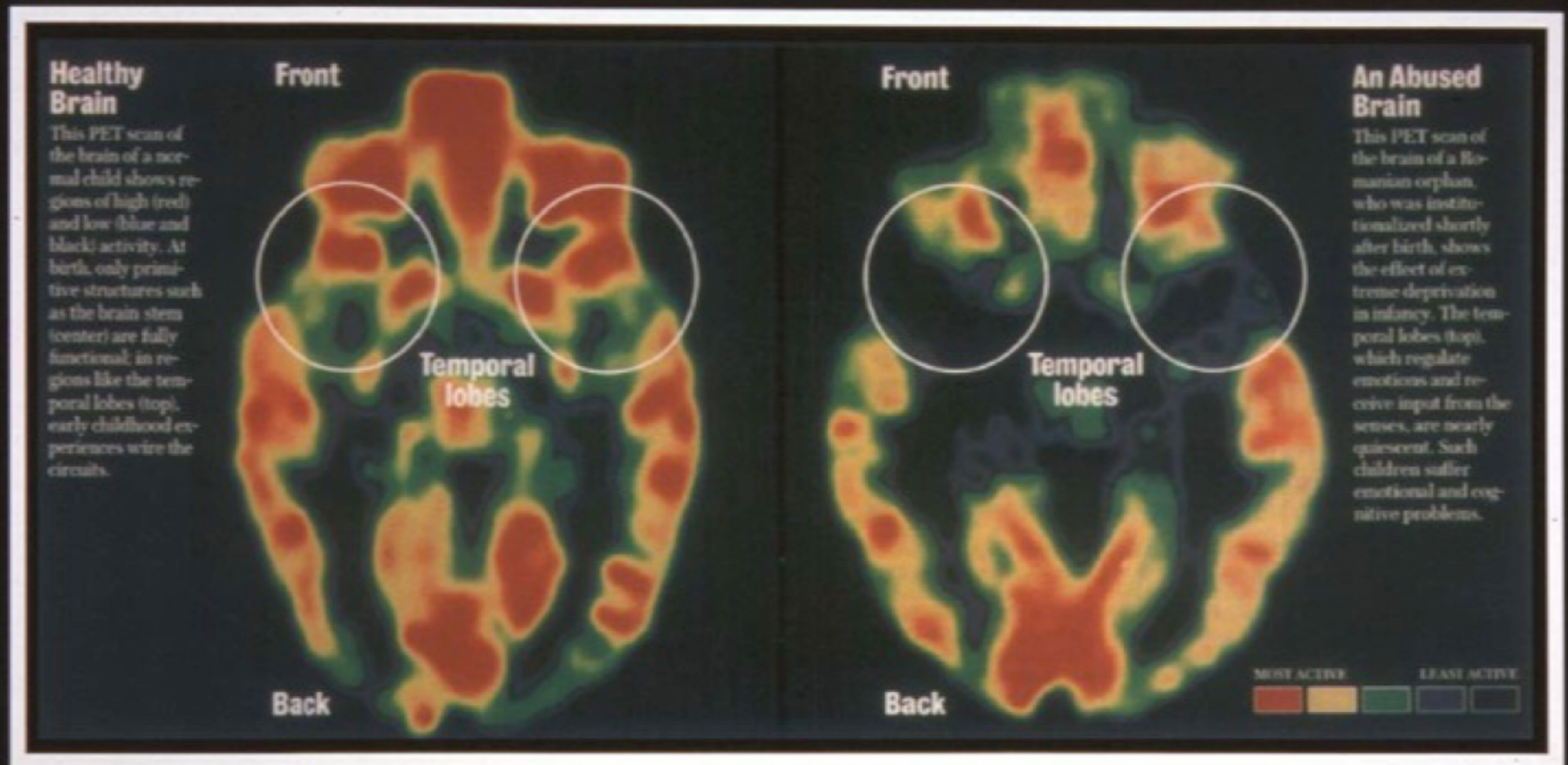
Case Study AE vs. ACE

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Brain Images : The ACE Study



Adverse Experiences Can Last a Lifetime

Conception → **Death**

**Adverse
Childhood
Experiences**

**Disrupted
Neurodevelopment**

**Social,
Emotional and
Cognitive
Impairment**

**Adoption of
Health-Risk
Behaviors**

**Disease,
Disability,
& Social
Problems**

Early Death

**Mechanisms by Which Adverse
Childhood Experiences
Influence health and Well-
Being Throughout the Lifespan**



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Child Abuse
& Neglect

Intimate partner violence and child maltreatment: Understanding intra- and intergenerational connections[☆]

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- What role or affect does adverse experiences of the mother have on factors that affect socio emotional and physical health in early childhood?

Risk Factors for ACE

- Children younger than 4 years of age
- Special needs that may increase caregiver burden (e.g., disabilities, mental retardation, mental health issues, and chronic physical illnesses)
- Parents' lack of understanding of children's needs, child development and parenting skills
- Parents' history of child maltreatment in family of origin

Risk Factors for ACE

- Substance abuse and/or mental health issues including depression in the family
- Parental characteristics such as young age, low education, single parenthood, large number of dependent children, and low income
- Nonbiological, transient caregivers in the home (e.g., mother's male partner)
- Parental thoughts and emotions that tend to support or justify maltreatment behaviors

Adverse Child Events (ACE) Relevance for SE and Physical Health in CANDLE

ACE

Childhood
Physical Abuse by parents/peers
Sexual Abuse
Witnessing family violence

Maternal:

Socio-Emotional
Development
Depression, Anxiety, Anger
Physical symptoms
Obesity
Chronic Disease

CANDLE Child:

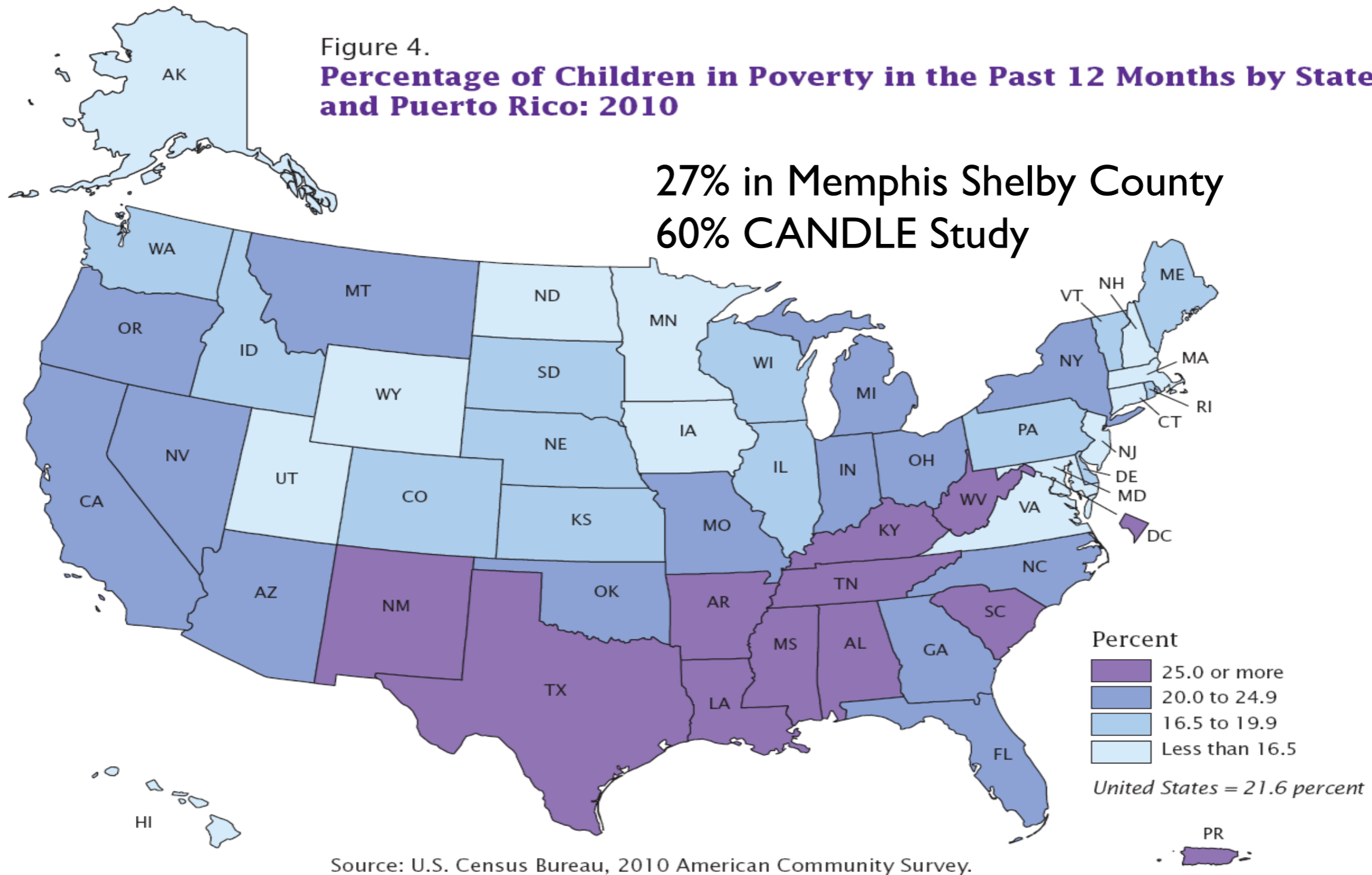
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Figure 4.

Percentage of Children in Poverty in the Past 12 Months by State and Puerto Rico: 2010

27% in Memphis Shelby County
60% CANDLE Study



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey.

% of Children with Emotional or Behavior Problems Reported by Parents

	US 2010 Census ¹ 4-7 years,			CANDLE ² 1-2 years
	Serious	Minor	Total	
Total in US	4.1	14.2	18.3	23.9
Poverty Level				
Below 200%	16	36.3	52.3	33.5
200% and above	4.6	14.6	19.2	12
Race				
Black	6.7	16.4	23.1	29.9
White	6.1	18.6	24.7	10.5
Family Structure				
Two parents	4.4	13.8	18.2	17.6
Mother only	9.6	21.0	30.6	31.7

¹Child has difficulties in one or more the following areas: emotions, concentration, behavior or being able to get along with other people?

²Brief Infant Toddler Socio-Emotional Assessment: Possible Problem, Average 1 & 2 yr

Study Characteristics

The ACE¹ Study

- 17,000 middle-class adults
- 80% white, 10% black, and 10% Asian
- Average age 57 years
- 26% ≤ hs, 74% > hs
- Kaiser Permanente participants

¹Adverse Child Events

CANDLE Study

- 1425 mother-child dyads
- 32% white, 68% black, and
- Average age of mother at time of delivery: 26 years
- 60% ≤ hs, 40% > hs
- 60% TennCare Insurance

Adverse Events(AE) and Childhood Adverse Events (ACE) in CANDLE

- Family AE and ACE- CANDLE
- Primary Caregiver (Mother)

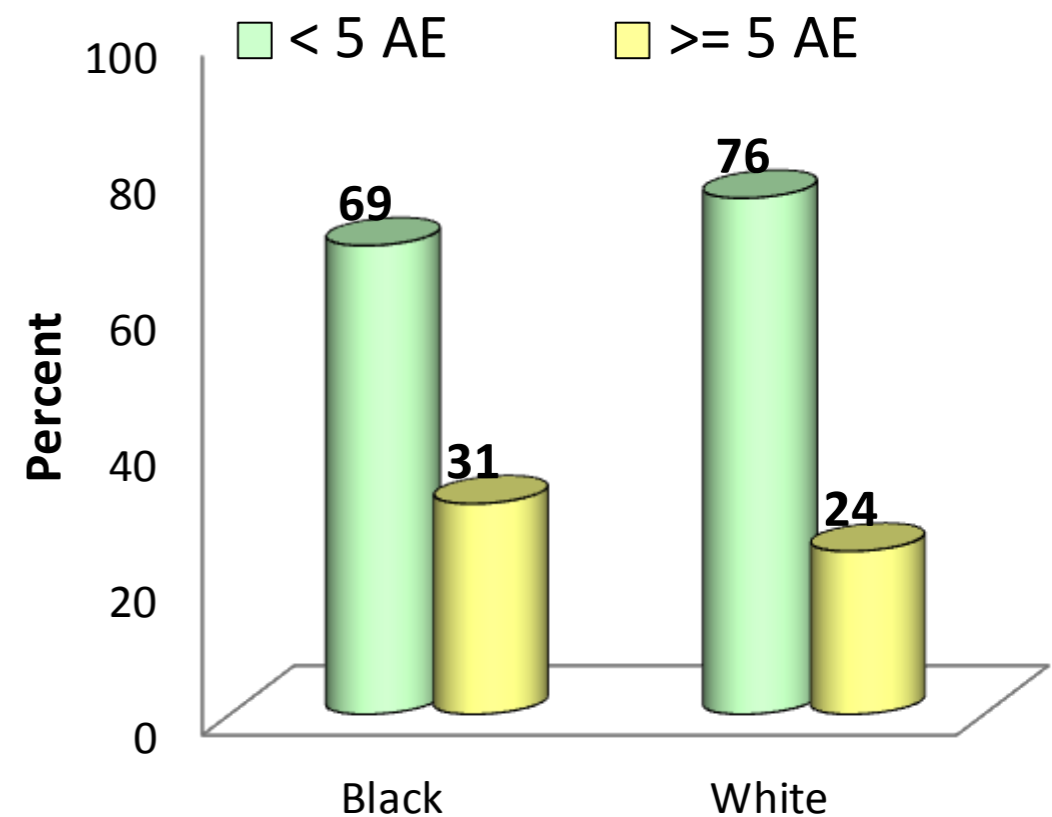


Maternal Adverse Events (AE)- Prevalence- CANDLE

3rd Trimester Questionnaires:

Traumatic Life Events (3rd Trimester)

- 20 Events possible
- Whole life (AE) -16 questions
- Childhood (ACE)-4 questions
(44%- reported yes to ACE)

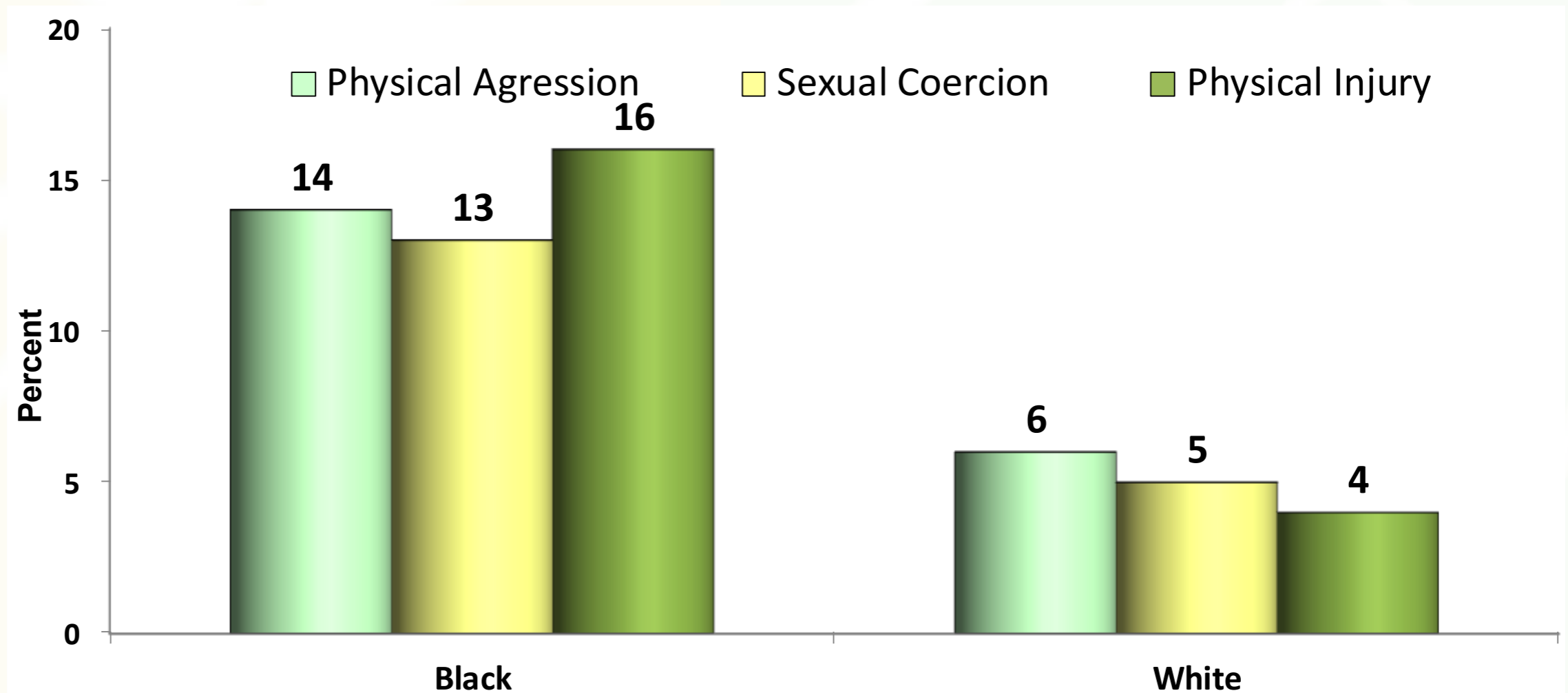


Maternal Adverse Events (AE)- Prevalence

3rd Trimester Questionnaire: Conflict Tactics Scale

Psychological Abuse (insulted, swore, yelled)- Black- 69%, White- 65%

Negotiation with Partner: - Black-94%, White- 99%



Prevalence of Adverse Experiences

Characteristic	Prevalence (%)		
	ACE	CANDLE	
		Black	White
Abuse (child)			
Psychological	11	31	16
Physical	28	7	6
Sexual	22	17	13
Neglect			
Emotional	15	-	-
Physical	10	-	-

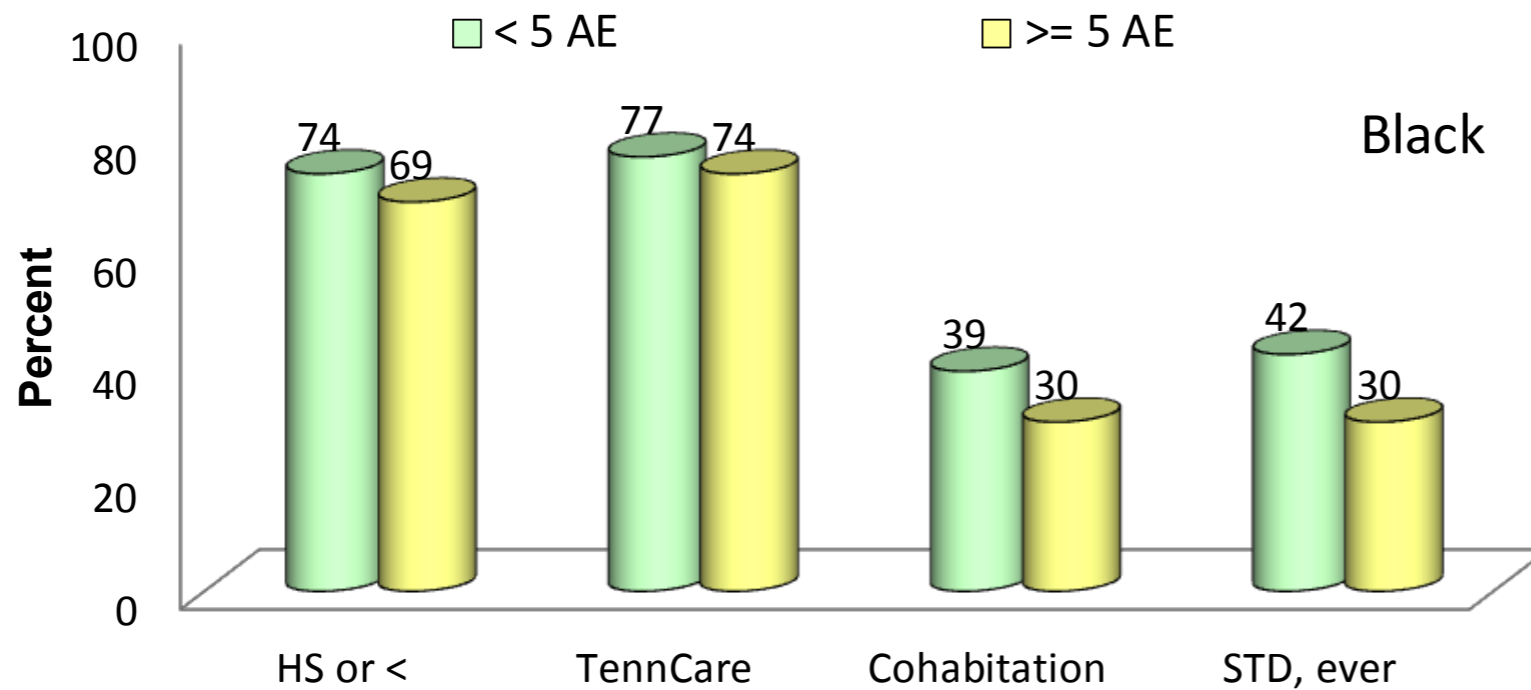
Source for CANDLE: Traumatic Life Event Questionnaire; and Conflict Tactics Scale

Prevalence of Adverse Experiences

Characteristic	Prevalence (%)		
	AE	CANDLE	
		Black	White
Household			
Alcoholism or drug use in House	27	-	23-
Loss of biological parent < 18 yrs	23	-	-
Unexpected loss of a close friend or loved one	-	68	58
Depression or mental illness	17	11-12	7-9
Mother Treated violently	13	29	9
Imprisoned household member	5	37	16

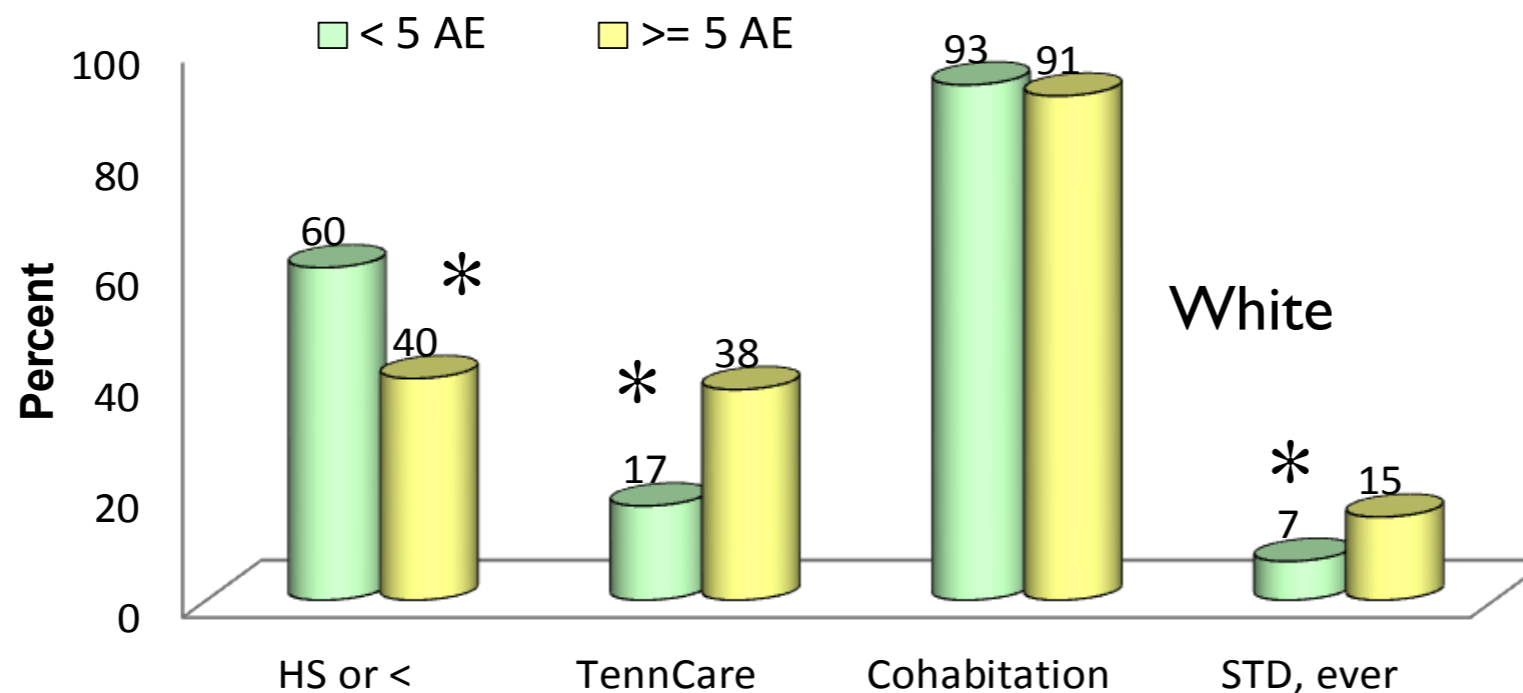
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AE and Maternal Characteristics



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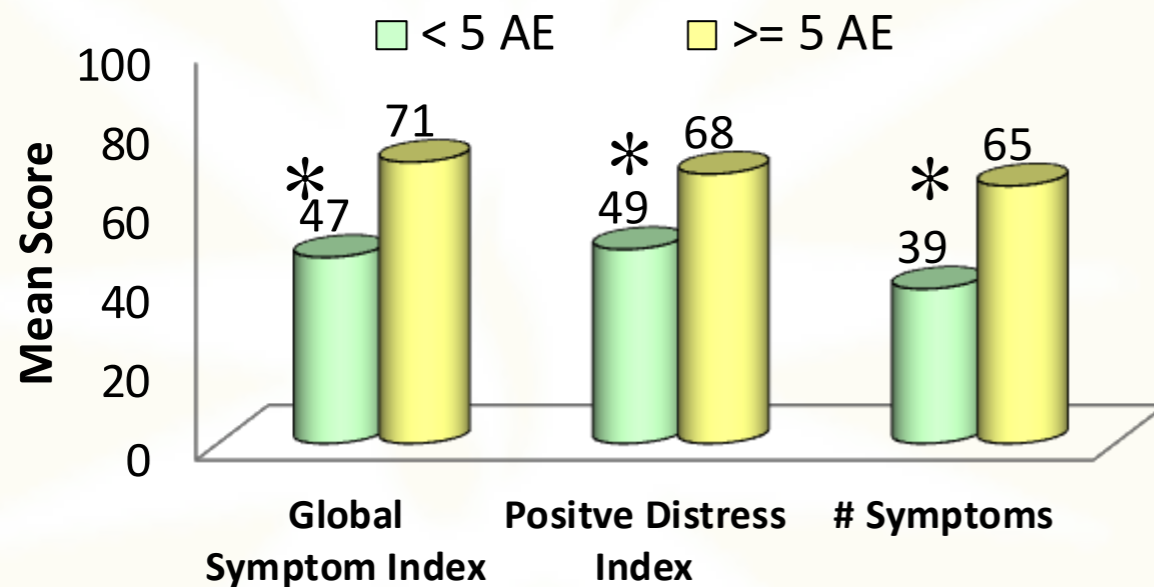
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Blacks had
younger
mothers,



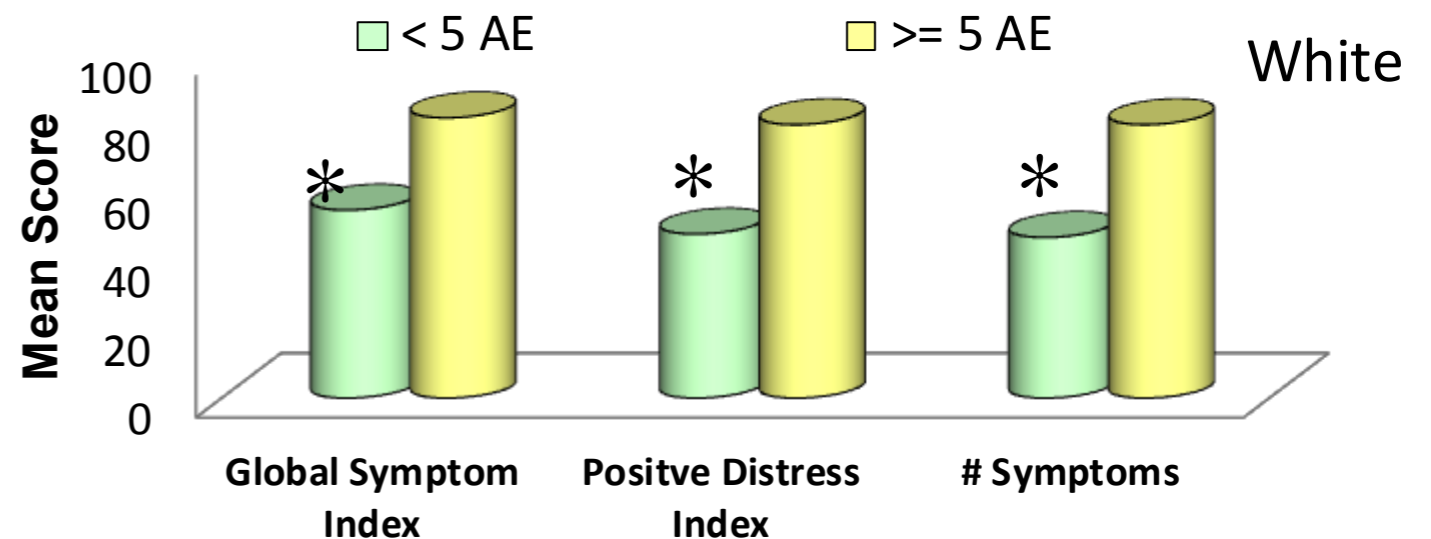
≥ 5 ACE:
Whites No
Difference in
mother's age

AE and Maternal Functioning- CANDLE

Brief Symptom Index -3rd Trimester

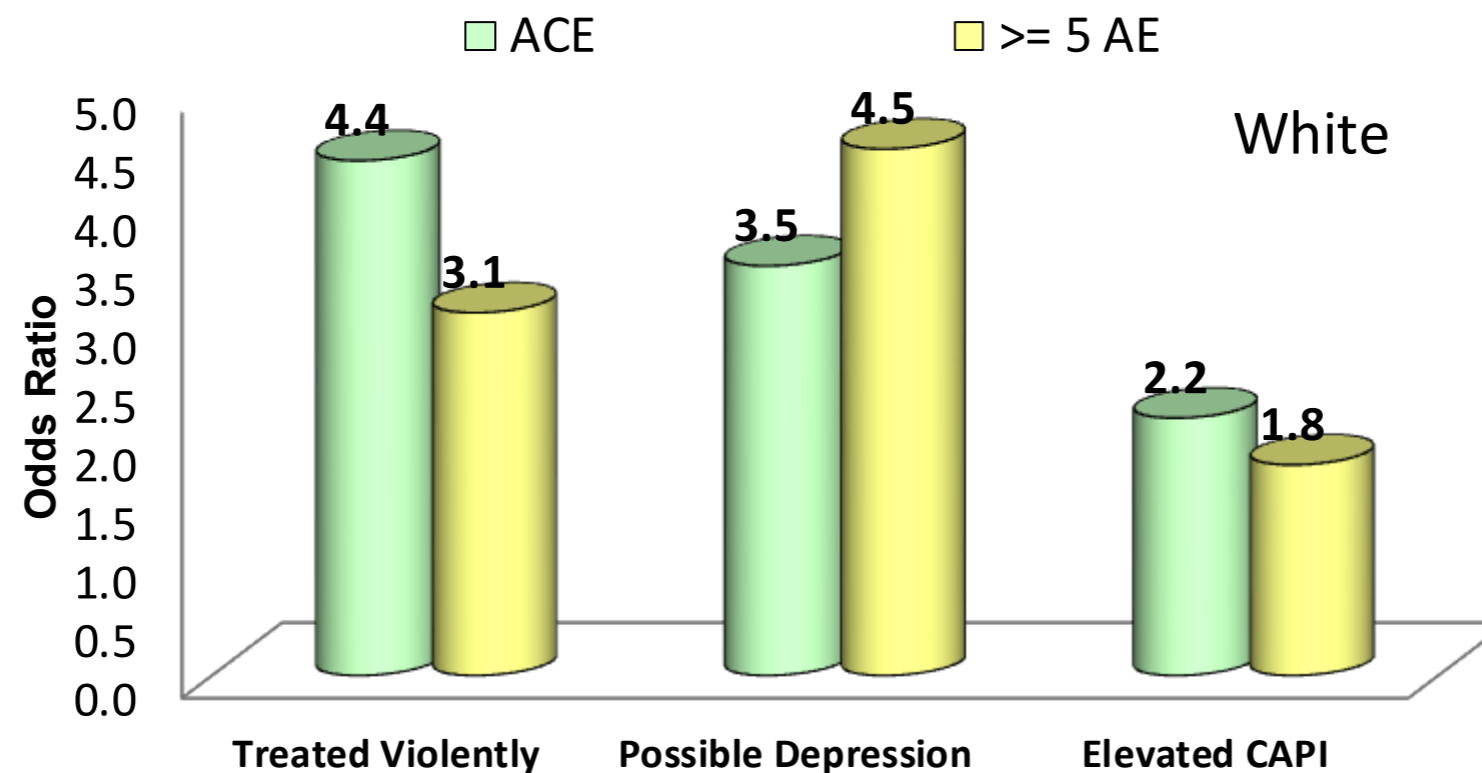
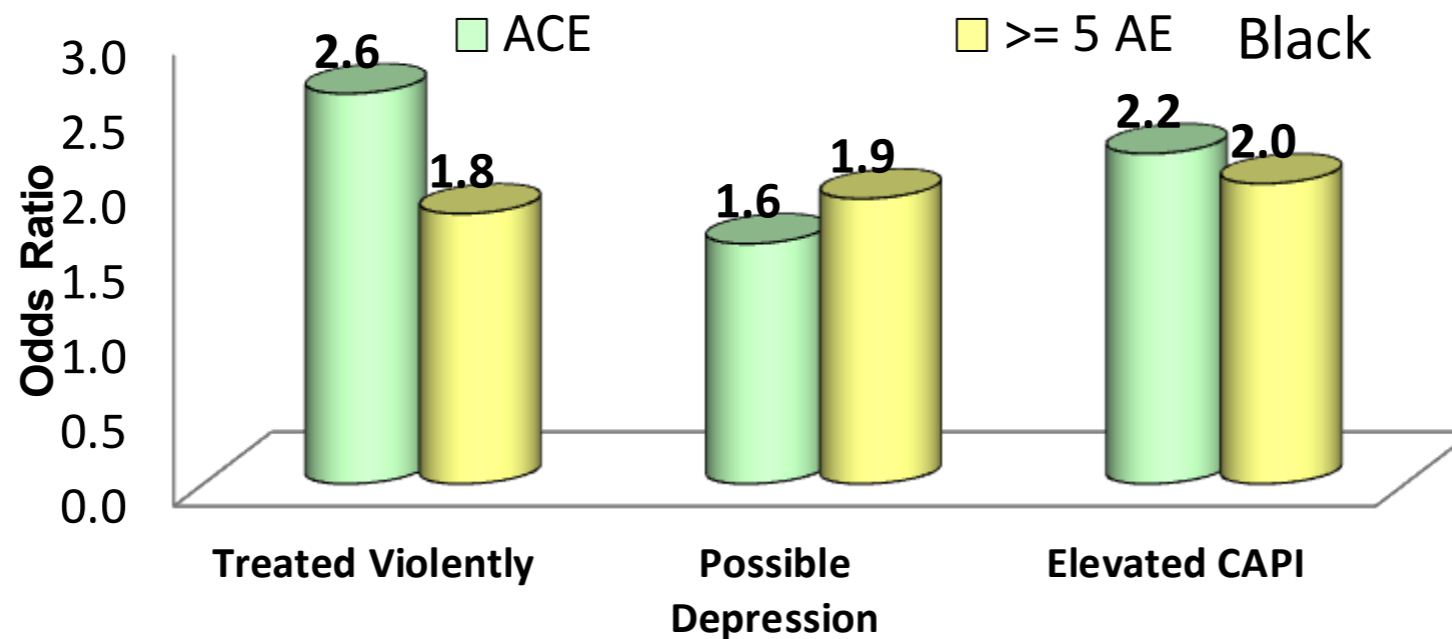


- Similar Results Sub scales
 - Hostility
 - Somatization
 - Depression
 - Anxiety
 - Paranoid Ideation
 - Psychoticism



BSI- Brief Symptom Inventory; Derogatis & Melisaratos, 1983

Odds Ratio for Maternal Treatment or Functioning: ACE or AE

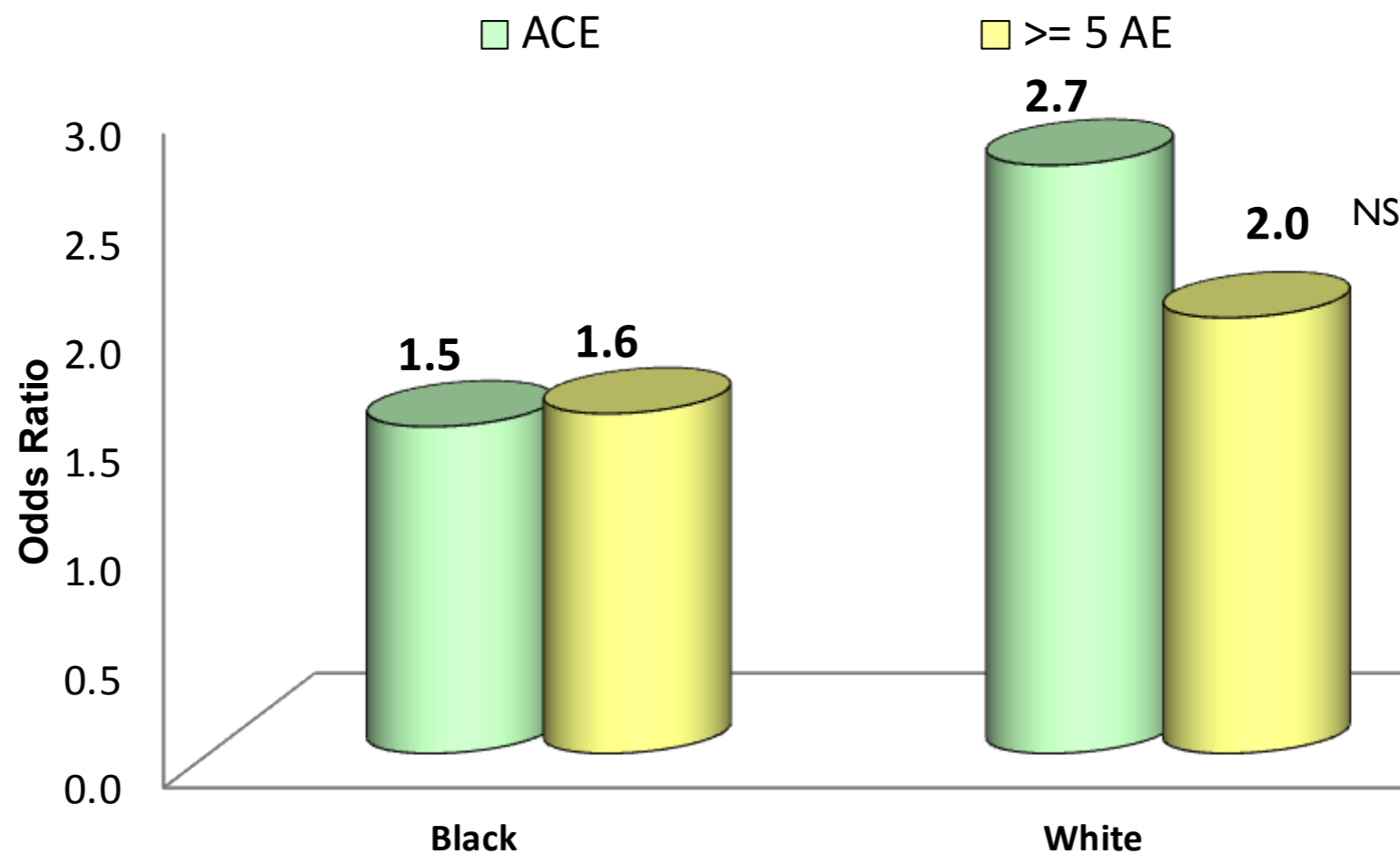


AE or ACE and Maternal Health Indices

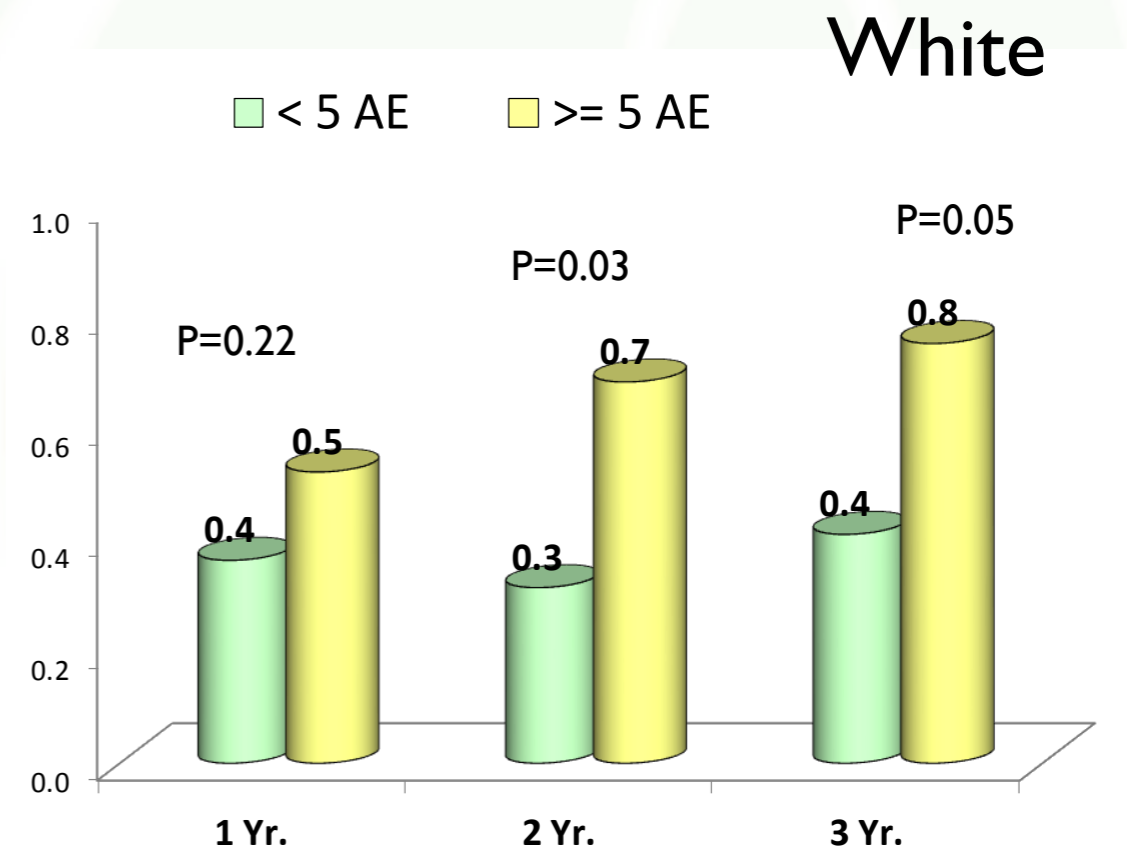
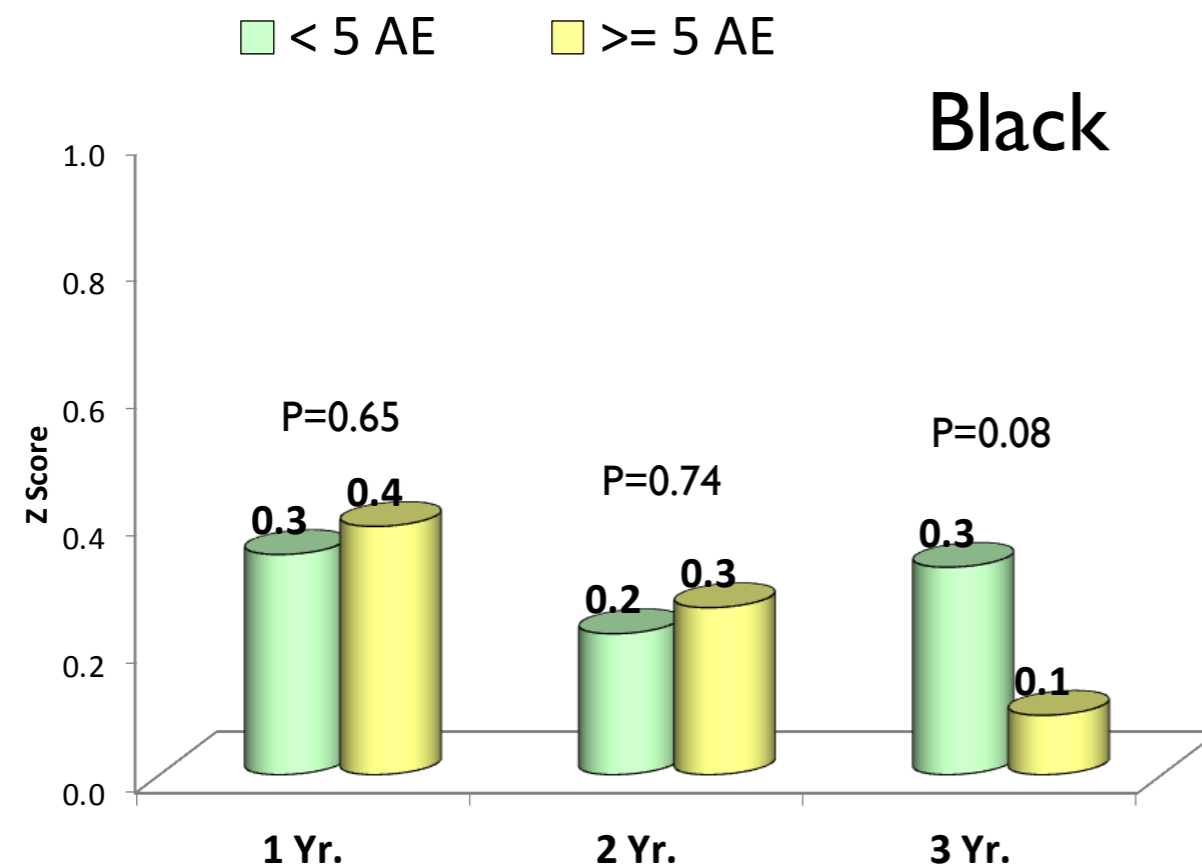
- No effect on
 - BMI
 - Blood Pressure



Odds for Maternal Report of SE Problems- CANDLE Child



AE's and CANDLE Child's Weight for Length/Height at 1-3 years



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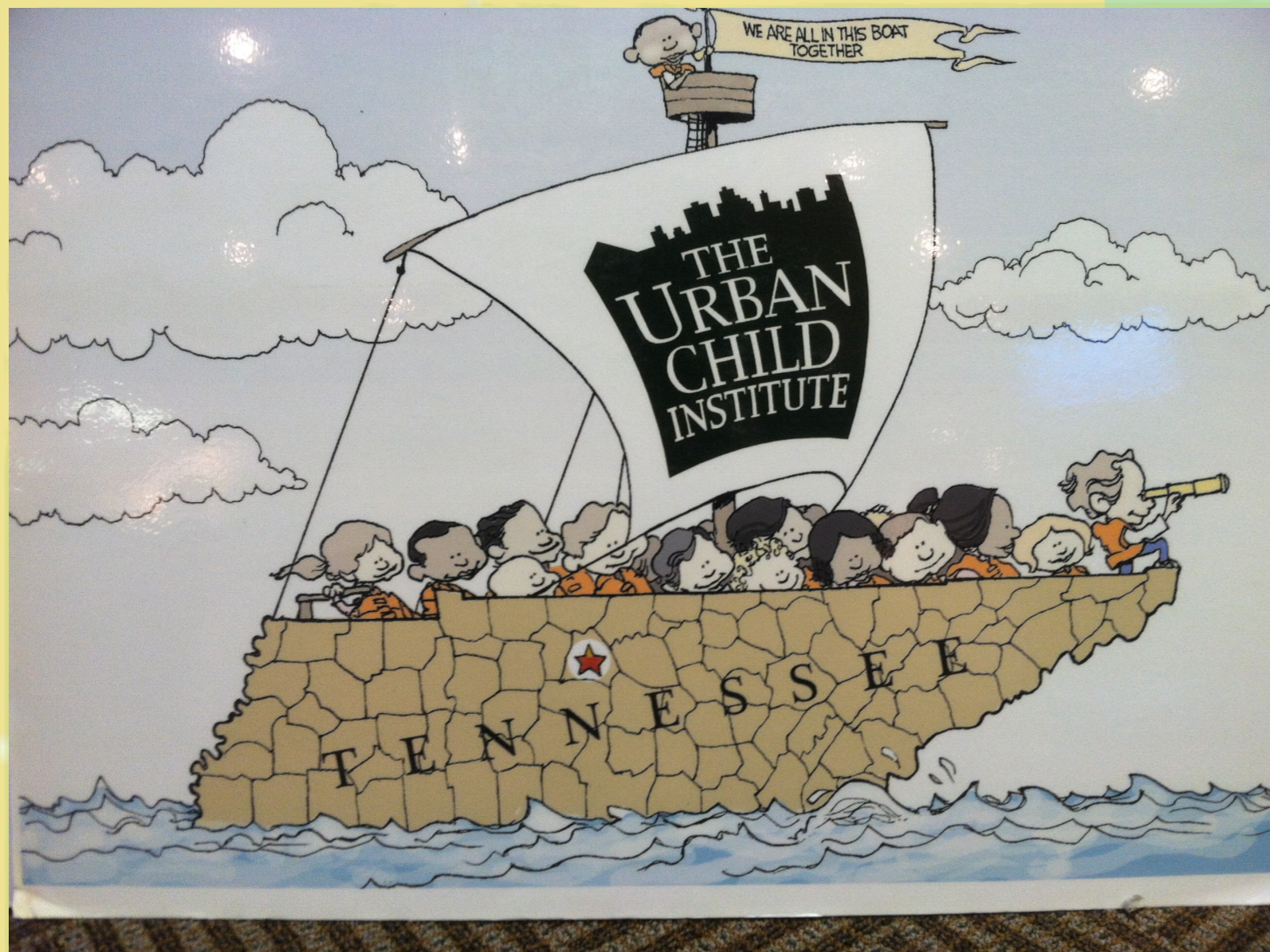
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Role of Genetics/Epigenetics
and other confounders?



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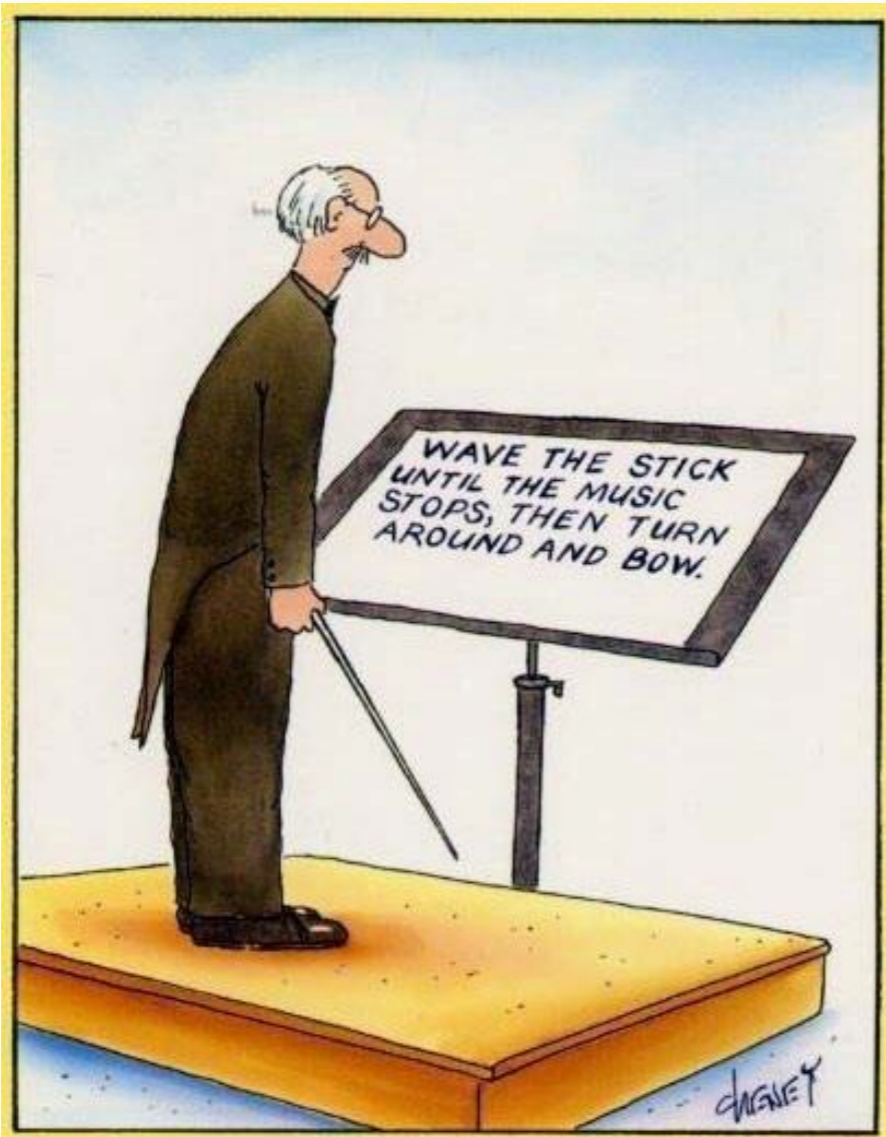
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