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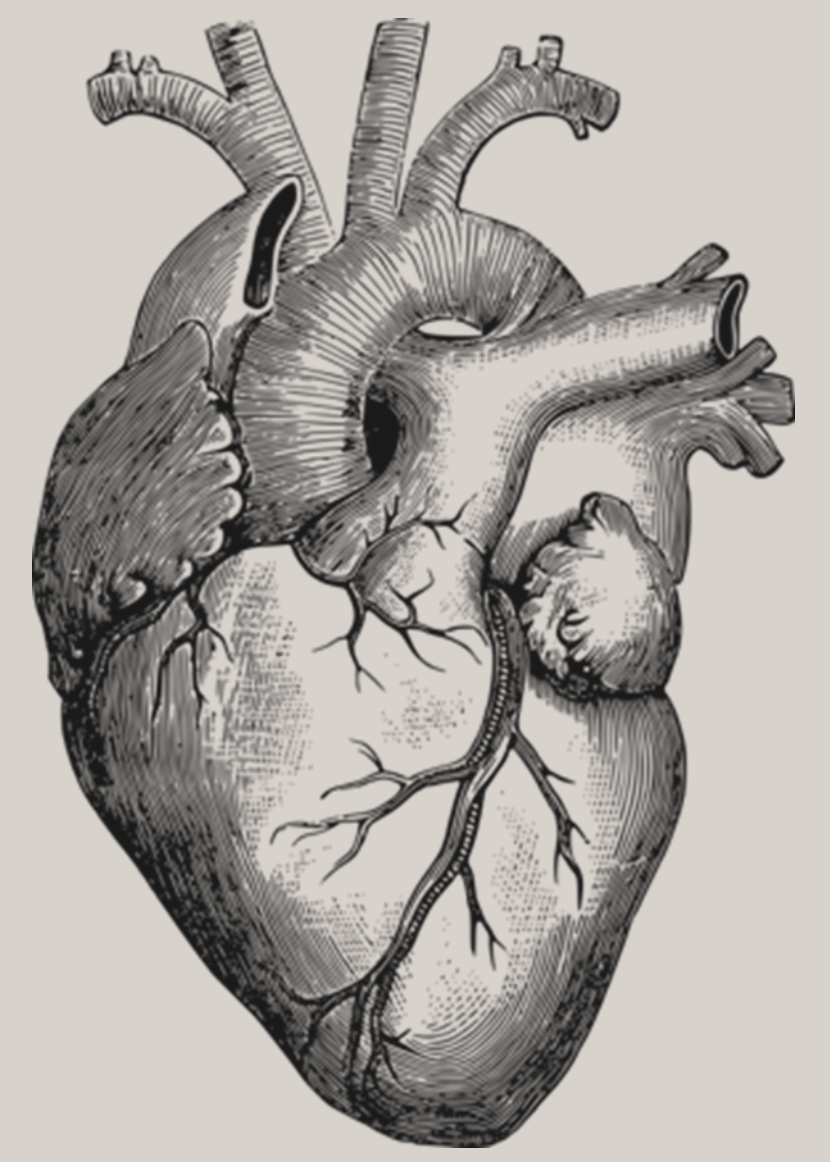
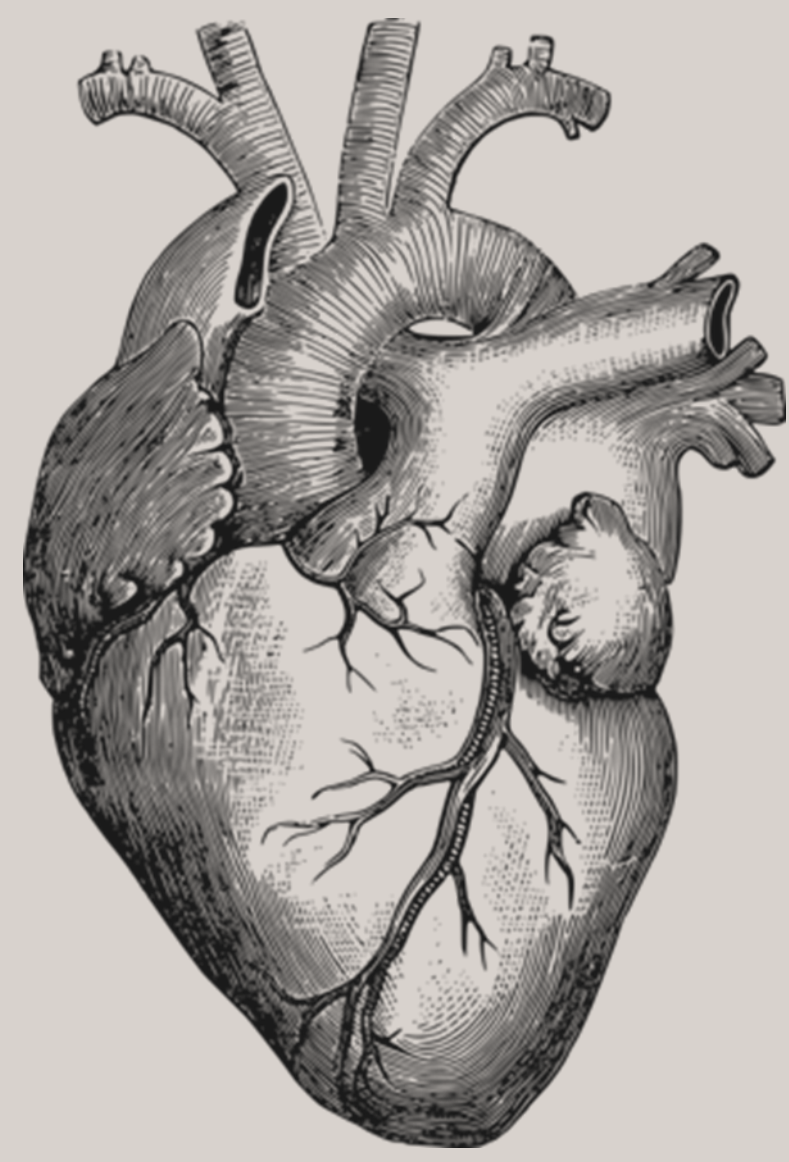
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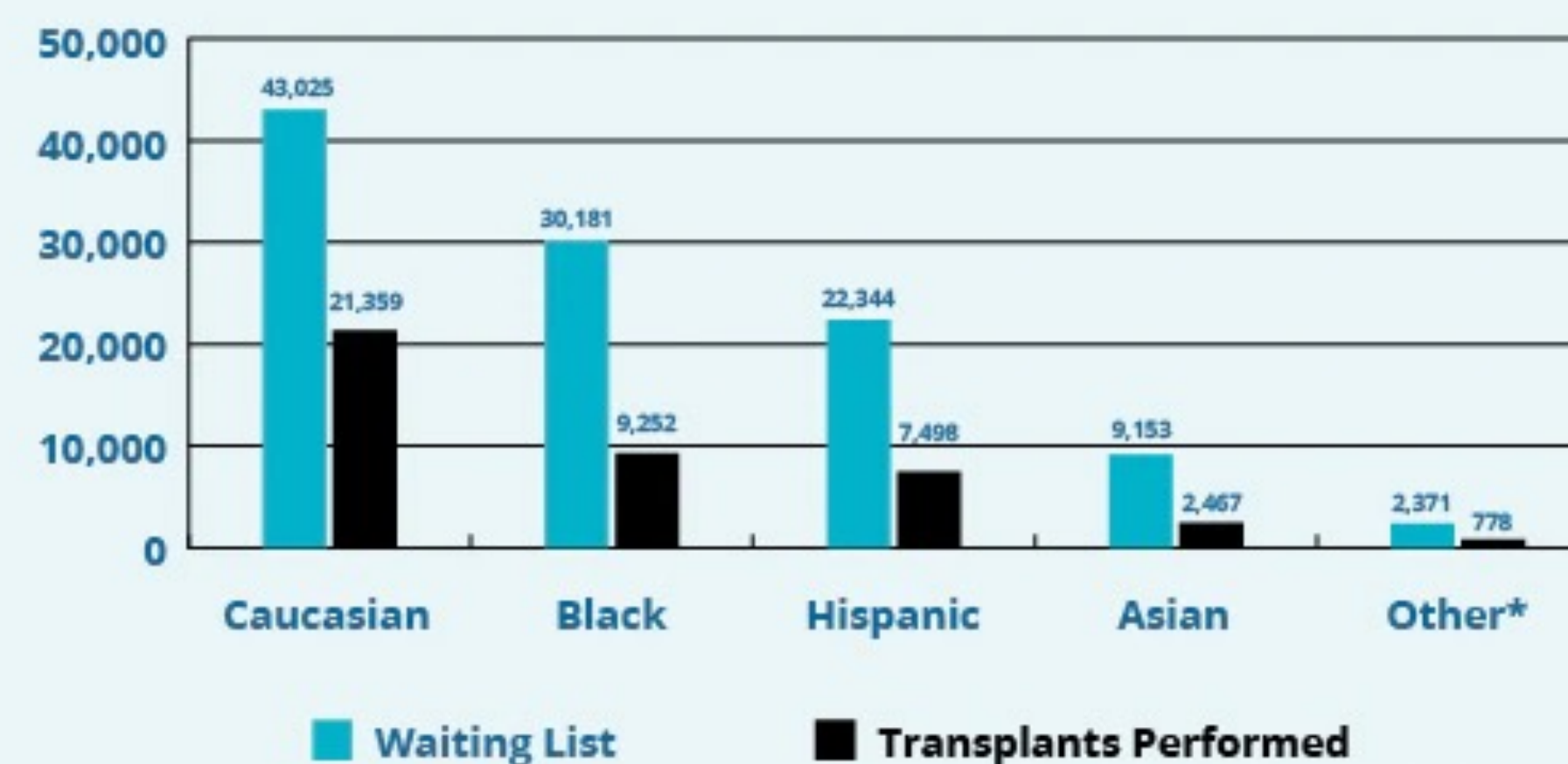
Abstract

Organ donation and its process is a scientific breakthrough that the medical community uses daily and continues to perfect. Although the donation process is well known all around the world, there is still a dent in the percentage of how many people donate. When taking a deeper look at where the majority of organ donations come from, it's apparent that minorities' numbers are significantly lower compared to their white counterparts. Different cultures and ethnicities vary all around the world just like the ever-changing outlook on organ donation. The focus of racial disparities in organ donation is addressed through research papers from doctorate and collegiate writers. From these specific platforms of research, it's apparent that the most influential factors of this topic regarding minorities are gaps between education, religious constraints, and the lining of racism within the medical system. These factors lead to the disparity of organ donation among minorities.



Patients on the Waiting List vs. Transplants Performed

By Ethnicity in 2021



*Other includes American Indian/Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, Multiracial.

<https://www.organdonor.gov/learn/organ-donation-statistics>

Key Points

- Gaps in the education system results in the spread of misinformation about organ donation.
- Religious constraints create boundaries regarding the topic of donating.
- Racism within the medical field leads to minorities donating less.



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Conclusion

When considering the gap in education, religious constraints, and the racism within the medical field, there is obvious evidence and the reasoning as to why minorities are less likely to become organ donors. Because of these factors, and the information now available in regard to the surrounding research, using these studies as a learning experience in order to alter the system would be the next step forward.

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