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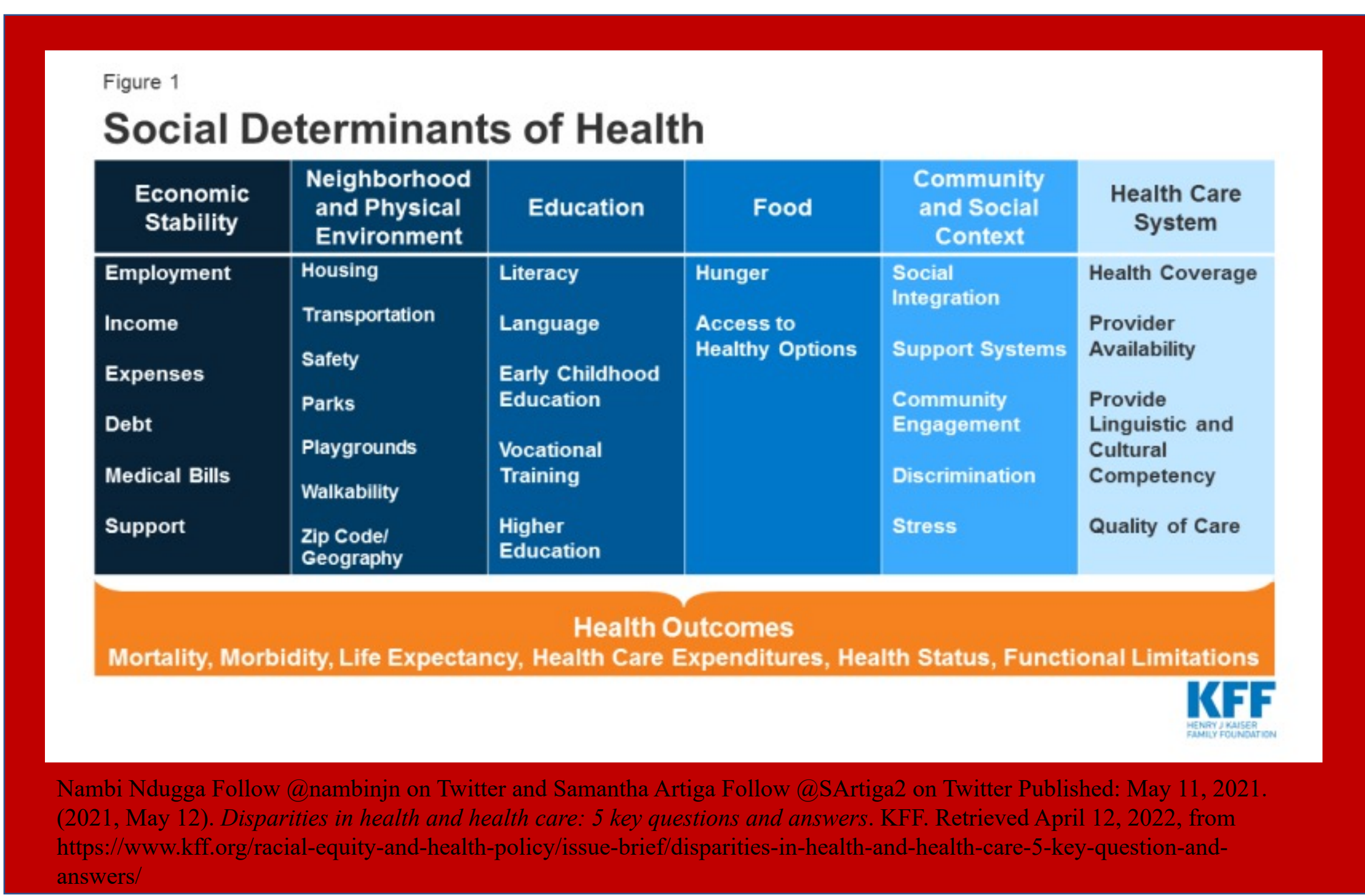
## Abstract

Despite the yearly advances in preventative medicine with the use of advanced technology, new treatment applications, effective therapeutic methods, etc., a significant number of minorities are not receiving the proper care from medical professionals. The determinative groups that are being affected by this incompetent care occur involve race and ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, region or geography, and age. These populations have faced many challenges in receiving access to health care in the United States for generations and even when they do receive proper health care, their care may not be as efficient compared to the Caucasian population. There are necessary steps to take in the medical field to close off separations among different populations, that way there is the ability to understand one another and come to an agreement. The struggles minorities must be facing in this nation are addressed rather than disregarded because this could resolve problems in the future as well as make movements to eliminate health disparities in all minority populations.

## Key Points

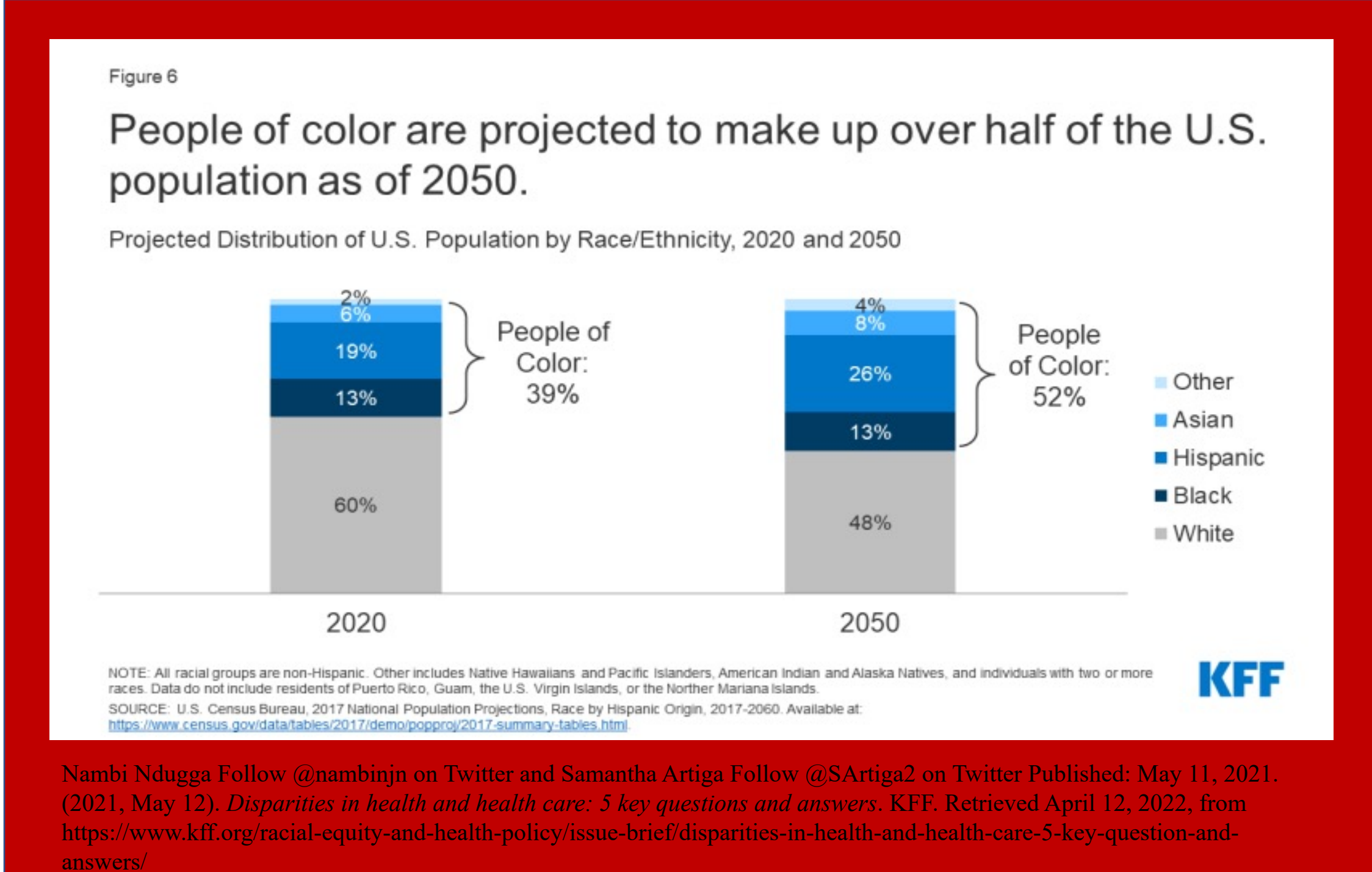
- It is important to address the problems of disparities in health and healthcare for fairness amongst all individuals, the improvement of overall quality of care, as well as the health of the populations in the United States
- Enhancing the health of individuals in the most underprivileged communities will increase the probability of children engaging with healthy people surrounding them.
- It is projected that people of color will account for over half (52%) of the population in 2050.
- Having healthier communities in America as well as around individuals leads to safer communities and makes the nation grow in healthcare quality.
- Removing healthcare disparities would also reduce the fear and stigmatization of minority populations going to get the help that they need.

## Graphics



## Conclusion

In conclusion, the American Healthcare system still has and will continue to have many complications involving minorities receiving incompetent healthcare treatments. Access and quality problems in healthcare have caused many social determinant groups to face historic denial of care. As the number of minorities continues to increase, the education of the different populations in America must increase as well. Whether that be because of the representation of minorities in medicine, or general education about underrepresented groups and where they come from. To be able to eliminate healthcare disparities, these complications must be addressed as well as advocated in America. This could lead to the next step of transformation in the American Healthcare system and how they treat minority groups for the better.



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