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Since the Loving Supreme Court decision of 1967, there has been a significant increase in interracial-multi-cultural marriages. Maria P.P. Root, PhD, author of *Love's Revolution Interracial Marriage*, has undertaken a major research project to document the trends in intermarriage.

Traditionally, families have supported love and marriage for their offspring as long as they chose someone of the same race and opposite gender. When sons and daughters defied these norms, many were disowned and ostracized. Recently, more families have been accepting of their children's choices to marry across racial boundaries.

What differentiates those families who are accepting of their offspring marrying a member of a different ethnic/racial group and those families who are opposed to such marriages? Maria Root's research suggests that if "race is part of the cultural capital" of the family, then racial reproduction is an intended product of the family, whether the family is white, black or Asian. Families concerned with future generations may disown racially different in-laws to maintain racial/ethnic purity.

Intermarriage has contributed to greater diversity in our country. People who have intermarried and their offspring have been and will continue to be members of our groups. This book will enable the group psychotherapist to have more empathy with the growing population.

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