Do biracial children struggle more with their identity than their single race counterparts.

You are to write a review of the existing literature for your chosen topic utilizing at least fifteen academic peer reviewed papers, preferably from scholarly journals. You will focus on describing the results of each of the studies reviewed and narrowing down the theoretical framework driving the study. You will then relate it to your own study by determining whether or not the article agrees with your hypothesis and the specific circumstances of your study by which you expect a similar or a different result. Furthermore, you will use the literature to identify other variables that have significant explanatory power in addition to those that you have chosen as your main independent and dependent variables to discuss further.

America has struggled with race and racial identities since the inception of this country in the late 18th century. Leah Donella, an editor for NPR, reveals in a podcast that the rise in births stemming from intermarriages between individuals of different cultures has not only led to an increase in biracial children being born, but has also created a condition she calls the “Racial Imposter Syndrome”. (Donella, 2017) This syndrome was created by the self-doubt that many multi-ethnic offspring develop when they realize they do not wholly fit into one culture or another, and, often times, are not welcomed in certain spaces or communities because of this. Kelly F. Jackson, an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Arizona State University, examines the multiracial experience and how it effects the creation of an identity. (Jackson, 2010) She argues that biracial children have faced self-esteem problems directly related to their inability to identify solely with on ethnic group. Jackson also links biracial identities to unique issues such as: suffering from shifting racial or ethnic expressions, ambiguity, seeking community approval, racial resistance, and the constant feeling of being outsider. (2010) Each of these problems highlight the struggles of biracial children compared to their single-race counterparts, which is an area that this study seeks to examine. The purpose of this investigation, therefore, is to examine the influence of being biracial and the role it plays in affecting the identity, compared to those who are of one ethnicity.