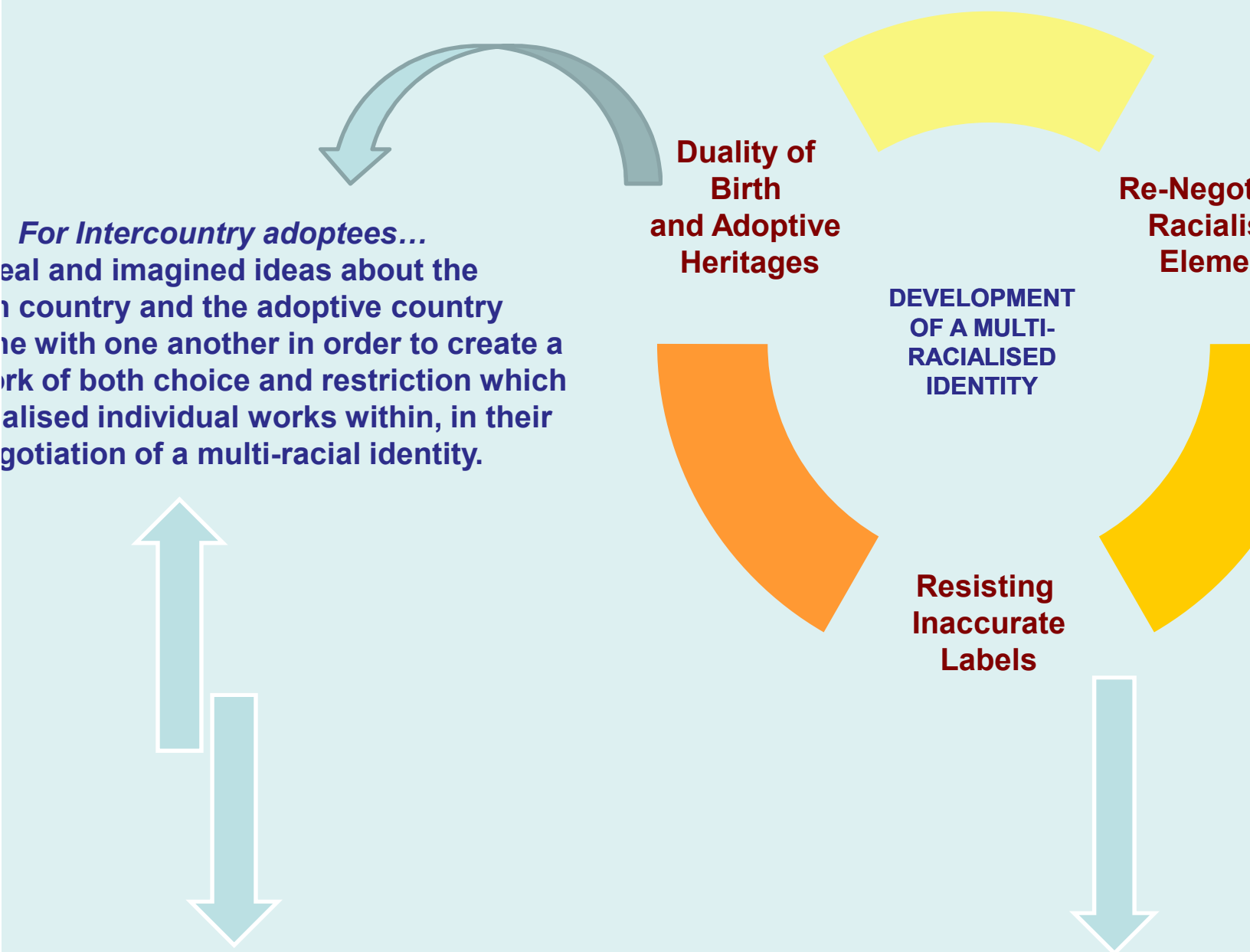


Sociological analysis of the racial identity development process must use a social constructionist perspective. This would assist a better and more accurately informed thinking of how racial identity is flexible, diverse and of multiple status.

Qual Life (Hi)Story Interview with Six Transracial (two of these also Intercountry) Adoptees
Adoptees were all of BME Birth, placed into a 'White' Adoptive Family.



Each adoptee had a varied racial identity. However, all had gone through a similar process of having to negotiate racialised similarities and differences in order to settle on a racial identity that (i) they felt comfortable with, and (ii) which best represented how they saw themselves. The racial identity that emerged was one that was based on a multi layered *hybrid* identity, created in an alternative space. This constituted a new racial category, that of the multi-racial identity.