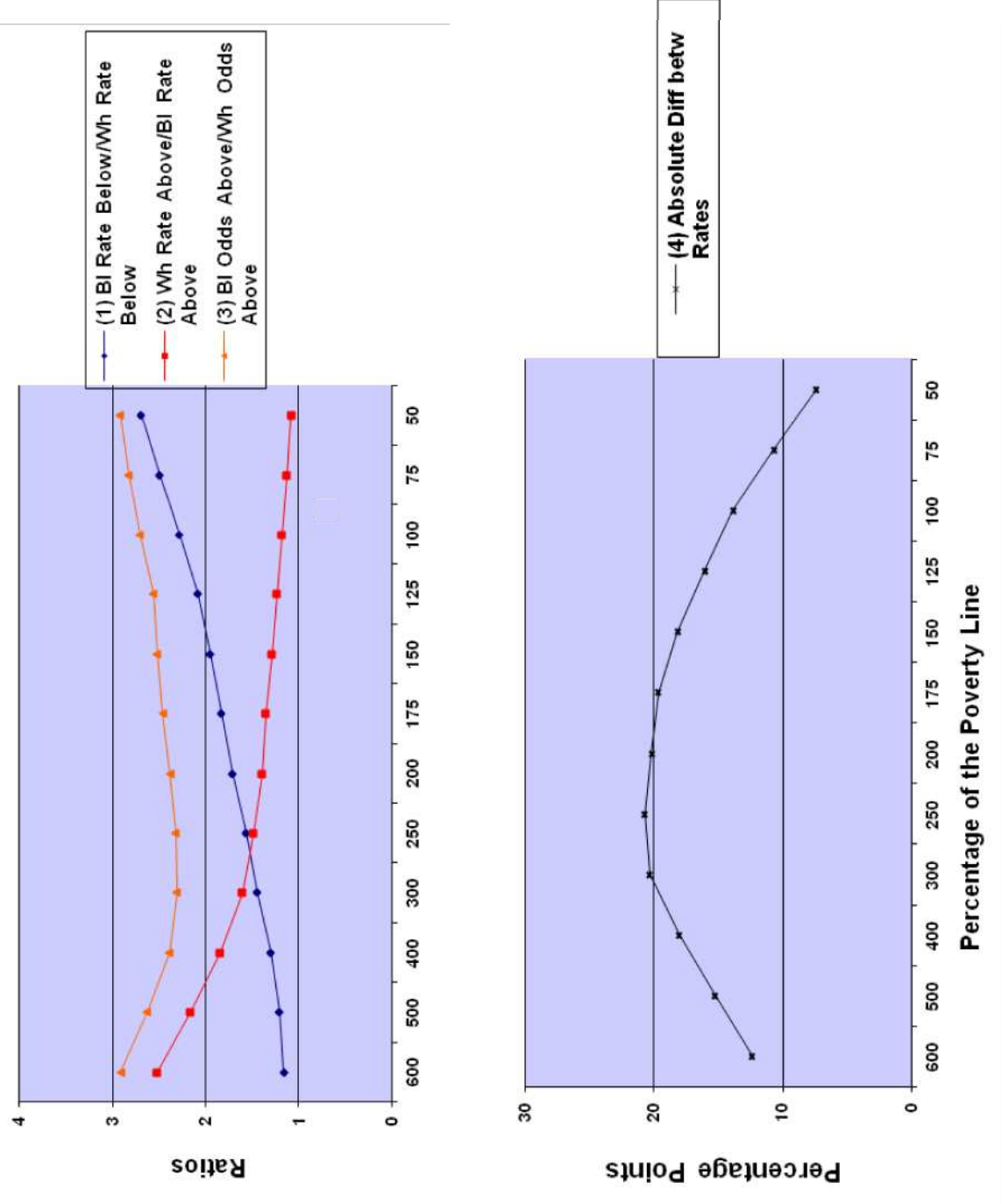# Fig. 6. Ratios of (1) Black to White Rates of Falling Below Percentages of Poverty Line, (2) White to Black Rates of Falling Above the Percentage, (3) Black to White Odds of Falling Below the Percentage: and (4)Absolute Differences Between Rates

Implications of IR2 (1)

- As uncommon procedures (e.g., coronary artery bypass grafting, knee replacement) increase, absolute differences tend to increase; as common procedures (e.g., mammography) increase, absolute differences tend to decrease. (APHA 2007, Comments on Vaccarino etc. NJEM 2005, Schneider JAMA 2001, Trivedi JAMA 2006 (2007), Sequist Arch Int Med 2006, McWilliams Ann Int Med 2009)

- As procedures go from being uncommon to being very common absolute differences tend to increase then decrease.

- Increased proficiency in more difficult subjects will tend to increase absolute differences, while increased proficiency in easier subjects will tend to reduce absolute differences. (Educational Disparities)