

Some Asians' college strategy: Don't check 'Asian'

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The readers voted overwhelmingly (larger than 10 to 1) in favor of race neutral college admission.

Selected reader's comments:

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As a pale face, I wouldn't mind if every college in the country admitted strictly on the basis of achievement, leading to 100 percent Asian student bodies. Maybe that would make everybody else try as hard as they do.

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As an african-american woman, I wholeheartedly agree with this statement.

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So Asian students are disadvantaged because of the fact that they are Asian, but black students are benefited because of the fact that they are black? Seems ironic that the whole purpose these racial "standards" are followed is to *eliminate* discrimination.

The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is tho stop discriminating on the basis of race.
-John Roberts, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

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As a white person, if 99% of the college population is asian because they deserve to be there, so be it! I would be insulted if my kids get into college due to race and not merit.

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Rewarding mediocrity in the US for whatever reason has allowed other countries to catch up.

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America has gone from an educational global ranking of #5 to # 34 in the last 35 years solely due to government involvement in public education.

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If the application asks for race, I answer "human."

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"Why doesn't the NBA do this to make sure there are enough white and Latino and Asian players?"

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i think it should be illegal for a college or employer to ask. the question is solely asked for the purpose of discriminating.

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I'm an Asian female with a degree in Chemical Engineering. When I was getting my bachelor in engineering and applied for minority scholarship, I was turned down. The office of scholarship/financial aide told me that Asian is not considered as "minority" in health and science field. She told me that I would be considered if I'm African American, Hispanic, or Native American. I have a 3.9 GPA and working part-time and couldn't qualify for scholarship. Yet, illegal immigrants in California get scholarships. I work hard, study hard, and pay taxes to support illegals. What is wrong with this?????

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I had a 3.7 undergraduate GPA. As an Asian I didn't qualify for loans or grants as I was not an 'under-rep' minority so worked 3 jobs to get through school. One of them was to tutor 'under-rep' minorities that usually had GPA in the 1's and 2's and had an overall graduation rate of 30%. Just lowering the bar to absolute rock bottom to meet diversity quotas is absolutely, positively absurd. They never graduate...because most weren't qualified to go. Fix the problem in K-12 because it's pointless by college.

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I'm a black chick in a technical field. When I applied for college, I refused to put my race down on my applications, even though I knew it would give me an advantage. They shouldn't even ask. (I got in, high enough GPA and SAT scores.) Entry should be based 100% on merit, if it turns out 96% of the students are Asian, so be it. Think of sports. They just pick the best. Eighty percent of the players in the NBA are black. That's just the way it works out. What percentage of the NHL is white? 100? Again, you pick the best, race doesn't matter.

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Interesting - white students face this issue too, but we have all accepted by now that discrimination based on race is OK if someone is white.

What happened to Dr. King's idea of judging people not on the color of their skin but on the content of their character?

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Asians are not smarter, they just have parents who hold them to high standards, read to them instead of using the TV as a babysitter when they were young, and encourage them to learn. Most of the parents I know who take a real interest in their children's education have kids that excel in school no matter what race they are.

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as a white person i dont think the question of race should even be on the application.

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The situation is much worse than this article admits. I used to be a faculty representative on a college admissions committee and when students either didn't mark a racial category or marked "other" or "decline to state" I saw admissions officers google the surnames and then write an ethnic identify in pencil on the non-compliant applicant form. The committee then divided the applicants into piles for quotas based on the affirmative action goals. The point was always made that the percentage of each racial/ethnic group must mirror the percentage in "the community." Political correctness has ruined high education in this country, provided degrees to young people who can't read, write, and do arithmetic; and denied admission to hundreds of people I personally know about who were denied admission because they were members of the "wrong" ethnic or racial group.

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you know I am from Canada. I don't remember seeing any race boxes on our college/university application forms. America is so obsessed with race.

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I'm white, and I'm a senior in high school. I looked on my school's website last month because they have a page on it where they list a bunch of scholarships seniors at my high school can apply for. Well, there were five scholarships listed that were only for African Americans, seven for Latinos, and one for if you are planning on joining the military. I am not joining the military, and I am not black or latino, so there were none there for me. But I am still mad about that. Why were there so many scholarships aimed towards African Americans and Latinos? Shouldn't there be Asian scholarships and white scholarships as well? Or would scholarships for only white people be considered racist? I know this comment doesn't totally relate to this article, but I found this to be a good place to vent.

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"Asians who are stereotyped as boring academic robots...." Anyone else reading, "smart to begin with, superior work ethic over their non-Asian American counterparts, living up to their full potential through hard work and diligence." I hate to say this but, someone has to, it seems we've become a country of underachievers who are not only willing to "ride in the back seat" but, actually want to.

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A sister of one of my co-workers applied to college and put down "Native American". She started getting grants and stuff. The college got suspicious and asked her why she put down "Native American" on her application. She responded, "I was born here!"

[uneducated soldier](#) • [Seoul, South Korea](#) • 2 weeks ago [Report Abuse](#)

If you consistently categorize people, then they will never be equal. i.e. every "race" is part of one which is the human race except that people always want to know which "race" you're "part of" so they can meet their quotas and not be accused of bias. So the point is that if you want to contribute to stopping prejudice, then start doing things like stop giving the option (or making it mandatory) to track which "race" percentages you have. All that does is perpetuate prejudice. If you do well in high school and are eligible for scholarships, then it doesn't matter if you're pink, purple or Martian. If you're cultural upbringing is the issue of you not being prepared for school, blame your parents and yourself, not society.

If it's a face to face interview it still doesn't matter; actions conducted are what write evaluations and resumes. However, as a society, we are waaaay too immature to ever have that happen. Equality through merit is a pipe dream in America. You're no better or worse, but you're different anyway? That doesn't pass the common sense check in my opinion.

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If the scores of the Asian kids are higher than the whites, blacks or Hispanics maybe we better revisit our thinking on this. The Asian kids are being penalized for working hard and the whites, blacks and Hispanics are being rewarded for being lazy. With this kind of reasoning it takes the mystery out of why the good ol' USA is collapsing from the inside.

[Myles Banyon](#) • [Philadelphia, United States](#) • 2 weeks ago [Report Abuse](#)

What happens when Whites are a minority race in 15 years?

Will Whites be given preference and would mixed race students be advised to check Caucasian?

The best solution is do away with all racial questions. Let the most qualified win

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US high school on time graduation rate.

Blacks, 61.5 percent

Hispanics, 63.5 percent

American Indians, 64.2 percent

Whites 81 percent

Asian Pacific, 91.4 percent

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Funny how racial profiling is illegal when it involves our safety (airlines), but it's perfectly fine if we are applying for government assistance, a job, or school.

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Here's an idea: if you think there are too many Asians getting into top universities, study harder and get in yourself. Compete, by improving yourself, not by tearing others down!

[LT](#) 2 weeks ago [Report Abuse](#)

What a proud and great society the US has become. Only in the USA will you be penalized for being too smart and of the wrong ethnic background while another will be admitted freely just because of their ethnic background alone. Keep going America! We're doing a great job of spiraling further down the drain!

[Mr. Ups](#) • [Sioux Falls, United States](#) • 2 weeks ago [Report Abuse](#)

So, I'm white. If I check black and they find out afterwards, they will tell me that I'm in trouble for not being black? How is that not racist? The world is sooo backwards.

[LadyGreenEyes](#) 2 weeks ago [Report Abuse](#)

That prospective students are even ASKED about race in the first place proves there is racism in the admissions process.

[Spellbinder](#) • [Livingston, United States](#) • 2 weeks ago [Report Abuse](#)

If the United States is a melting pot why is it necessary to identify each ingredient?

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As minorities themselves, the fact that Asians are excluded from most collegiate affirmative action/diversity programs totally discredits those programs and exposes them for what they are - racism.

 Justin Kurt Goose • [Salem, United States](#) • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

damnit, i should have put native american since i was born in america.

[Abc](#) • [Wausau, United States](#) • 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

The irony is that the progressives of yesterday have left us with a legacy of oppression.

 Joshua 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

I was taught there was only 1 race. The human race.

 Jim 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

It should be illegal to factor race, ask about race, consider race, etc, in not only the app process, but also for tuition assistance, whether it be grants, loans, or scholarhips.

What happens is two specific races wind up getting free rides at the expense of the other kids who work hard... [More](#)

 Susan • [Denver, United States](#) • 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

I am 100% AMERICAN!! Why isn't there a check-off box for that?

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Robert · Chico, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Affirmative action is a euphemism for reverse discrimination.



Bart · Portsmouth, United States · 6 days ago | Report Abuse

White males know the feeling. You'll get used to it.



Marvz357 · Fairfax, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Everything should be based on skill / achievements. Blacks are *generally* better at sports, therefore, NBA/NFL can be

90% black and it's okay. Asians are *generally* better at academics, and based on that SAT score mentioned above, they are, so Yale and Harvard can be 90% Asian and it's only fair... [More](#)



Fred · 4 days ago | Report Abuse

Social engineering by liberals is bound to fail terribly. Don't promote the best, promote mediocrity and call it "fairness".



· Hartford, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

What is pathetic is our own government who "believes" all people should be created equal yet they ask for this information. Race should not matter so why obtain the information. Racism is everywhere. As a student, I have known applicants with well below credentials get into colleges and grad... [More](#)



Mopsqueezer · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Is anybody else as sick as I am of the "Everybody gets a trophy because everybody is a winner" ideology? Let the chips fall where they may. If someone's feelings get hurt, give them a tootsie roll, not a scholarship to Harvard..



TJ · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Asians are unfortunately, too much of a minority to be a politically correct minority. They don't have the voting power that blacks and hispanics do to become "minorities." And therefore, suffers discrimination from both the society as well as the "official minorities." So, without all the... [More](#)



Cass · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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I find it funny (and interesting) how these colleges are interested in one's race. I live in Europe, and not one question on our letters of application for colleges asked for race. Why so much worry over what race gets in or not?



Local · Doylestown, United States · 4 days ago | Report Abuse

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Why ask the question? That is the essence of racism!

College is for scholarship.

 Spike 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

checking asian boxes its a grave mistake. I checked the asian box once applying to UIUC champaign IL and it was the biggest mistake of my life. My act score not high but with 23 got rejected but my mexicans friends with 17 and 18 were immediately accepted. I called them to ask why and they wont... [More](#)

 Joe - Los Angeles, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

The only reason there isn't a brain drain in America yet is because more then half of the top PHD researchers and scientists working in labs all over America are from Asian and Indian descent. Then we wonder why China and India is rising in power at an alarming rate.

 Ray 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

... This country is losing its competitiveness because we go out of our way to give preference to subpar performers. They call it celebrating diversity, but it is a... [More](#)

 Peter Wolf - Denver, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

Answer me this: If we're going to deliberately discriminate against our most promising students and advance our least promising ones, where's the high income jobs going to come from to pay all the expenses for the growing mountain of retired people in this country and pay off our massive debts?

 Ptown_dad 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

... Affirmative action is racial discrimination with a happy face on it. It's the opposite of MLK's dream of a color blind society.

 . - Cambridge, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

True diversity: celebrating the differences instead of equalizing everything. If everything was the same we'd have a very boring world.

 Questmr - Fort Worth, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

I have a dream - that we will award and reward individuals based on accomplishment and without political considerations. Asians outperform Americans, not because of genetics, but because more was expected of them as they were raised. I am a Caucasian American and am raising my kids with Asian... [More](#)

 Greg - Port Orchard, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

As a white male with very high grades and SAT scores i was only able to obtain one small scholarship for \$250. The sad part is it was one of the few I could even apply for because the vast majority are not based on academic merit but rather your skin color and gender. The baby boomer generation has... [More](#)



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Diversity is a pleasant euphemism for discrimination.



Uncle Bob 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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As long as there is a question of race, racism will be the answer.



Cooley_54 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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what if you're a dumb asian, what does that mean?



New Mexican 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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It is the same for whites to a lesser degree. My wife is half native American, so we told our three children, all with blond hair, to check native American on college applications. It is a shame you have to do that when some races get a free ride.

Juan Soto 6 days ago | Report Abuse

If they have worked hard and excelled, they deserve the spot - I don't care what their race is. It should not even be asked. The institutionalized reverse-discrimination in this country has crippled us.

Smithers 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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The admissions process is naked racism in the name of "fairness". Any system based on racial identity is going to be racist. Why else do they need to know your race except to discriminate against you? If there is no box for checking race.....then they can't identify anyone by race to discriminate... [More](#)



Brent R • Phoenix, United States • 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Huh, I guess if the minority from Asia can be success against racism and economic disadvantage what's all the other minorities' excuses?



Just An Opinion 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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I so hate filling out applications that include race/ethnicity. I am Hispanic and I married a "white" man (more of a mutt ethnic background). We have a very Anglo last name. When I fill out forms I put down Hispanic (that is what our kids have the most of) and the schools ALWAYS call to make sure I... [More](#)



Vinh • Houston, United States • 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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It is a sad fact, but it get worse. If you are Asian in an interview for a job, the same sad

fact apply. And if you are lucky enough to get hire, your boss will have higher expectation from you DO you see the vicious cycle?



Shovel-Ready Jobs · San Luis Obispo, United States · 6 days ago | Report Abuse

MLK asked that we judge men by the "content of their character", LIBERALS demand that we judge them by the "color of their skin"!



Rakki · Baltimore, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

" Espenshade found that Asian-Americans needed a 1550 SAT to have an equal chance of getting into an elite college as white students with a 1410 or black students with an 1100."
I want to be black!!!



Naviroach · Wichita, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

... If you look up the work "racism" in Websters, you will find that it is "any distinction based upon race." It makes no difference that the intentions of those who discriminate based upon race or gender may be subjectively... More



Weezer · Everett, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Russians are becoming increasingly anti-Jewish as more Russian students are turned away from colleges as Jews dominate in education there. Putin is putting limits on Jewish student admission as a result. This is because Jews put high values on education in their culture, just like Asians. Will... More



Lathrupman · Grand Rapids, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

We live in a society where many feel very threatened by color-blind standards that measure their competence or lack thereof. This is the great lie of diversity, where racial quotas rather than merit drive the selection process, especially in government hiring and university admissions. Any... More



Joe 5 days ago | Report Abuse

In Canada, it is illegal to ask the racial origin of an applicant not only in university and college applications but also in job applications. This is one of the reasons why Canada is always out-ranked the U.S. by the UN Human Development Index as a much better country to live in.



Jim_m 6 days ago | Report Abuse

It still blows my mind how one of the most diverse and mixed nations on earth still emphasizes on race so much! How about removing all "race" related questions!? This country is too race-conscious! And BESIDES, Asia is a continent of 3 billion people, not a race! In the US, Asian means Chinese,... More



WTF · Paris, France · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

For those who support college admission discrimination based on race. Next time you

are brought into the emergency room for a heart attack treatment, be true to yourself and pick a non-white, non-asian doctor to treat you. Ask for an affirmative doctor!



Sonny - New York, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

The concept of race is a blatantly false one that does nothing but promote jealousy hatred and the manipulation of people for basically evil political ends . There is only one group of people and they are called#\$\$%\$ SAPIENS.



Jack 5 days ago | Report Abuse

It should be "If you're smart enough, you get in". If the blacks and the browns and the whites start crying fowl, let them study harder like the Asians. As it is now, we are graduating a dummed down bunch of students. NOT what we need to be doing with China in ascendance.

Yut Phut E-Gair Bah 5 days ago | Report Abuse 3 9 0

im white, if they asked me, id pick black since they said the evolution of man started in the Rift Valley in Africa.So therefore, I would not be lying on my application.



UNKNOWN 5 days ago | Report Abuse

America WAS based on people of all different cultures, ethnic groups and countries coming here an becoming Americans. How destructive it is to our Country that more and more attention is paid to race, cultures, and ethnic groups. It is divisive!!!!



Eatfresh4evr - New York, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

This is similar to what happened to Jews in the 1930s-1950s (possibly beyond). There was often a quota on Jewish applicants to universities, esp in the Ivy League, no matter how strong the student's qualifications.

Clancy 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Asian kids are as american as apple pie. They were born and raised here. So they have parents who value education and therefore it becomes legal to discriminate against them. Insane. Isn't this america or what?

John - Atlanta, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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There are many characteristics to be discriminant about, but only a fool would not "discriminate" regarding quality and performance. Some races have maintained a successful P.R. campaign to sell the world that any discrimination amounts to racial discrimination, whereas in reality discrimination...
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Rogerover12 - Fort Lauderdale, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

What about the Jewish acceptance to Ivy League schools. Way over represented and yet nobody says anything



Alpine 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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The average SAT score for black students from wealthy families is less than the average SAT score for white students from poor families. To confirm this fact for yourself, go the CNN web page "The Gap 50 years after the Brown ruling" and click on "Measuring the achievement gap" to confirm that... More



Reptilian 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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In the name of "diversity" and feel-good "multiculturalism," universities are watering down standards by imposing what is effectively a race-based quota system for admissions. While I don't care about my classmates' skin color, I do care about being surrounded by smart people. Don't make me pay... More



Ugly Dudley 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Asians are usually excluded from many programs to minorities offered by most top colleges because they are considered "over-represented minorities", and therefore are off limits for most of these benefits such as admissions or scholarships.



Chris - ElSegundo, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Race is irrelevant, and should not be considered on admissions scores. You either meet the criteria or you don't. If that means the best schools are 100% asian, I'm all for it. Then all the other people who didn't work hard enough will have to step up their game, in all fairness.



Mac 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Affirmative is just #\$\$\$ - I am black and very good in my job and make over six figures. In my job, if you don't perform you'll be fired to fast your head will spin. People are always going to wonder if I got my position because of race, and its very frustrating. Let's all get rid race in... More



Peter Wolf - Denver, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Yup, that's America. We deliberately discriminate against the BEST students (because their not black or hispanic) in our universities and then scratch heads and wonder why we're losing the economic contest to other countries. Oh, by the way: The high success rate of Asians sure makes a joke out... More



Gh - New York, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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I say the nba needs asians because it's 95+% black, can I say I'm asian and they'll give me a nba contract?



DG - Towner, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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How about everyone gets off their lazy butts and work to their full potential.



Robert - Bangkok, Thailand - 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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I consented to my daughter using my ex-wife's family surname so she could claim to be

Hispanic. Says a lot about the sad state of America. Living in Asia and seeing how hard these people work makes it easy to understand why they are leaving the USA behind.



Tom R. • Tacoma, United States • 6 days ago | Report Abuse

It is patently wrong for race to be considered in any form by anyone. This is where we need to enact "Don't Ask, Don't Tell". We cannot move into a race equality world if we are institutionally using race in any criteria.



Vin 3 days ago | Report Abuse

So...People are basically excluding Asians out of some thing because they're "too good"? And basically giving other races a better chance because they're "not good enough"? First time I've heard of this, almost humiliating.

Thomas • Los Angeles, United States • 6 days ago | Report Abuse

this would be great if society did not judge the content of one's character by the color of one's skin. It is unfortunate that the way the general public (and therefore our institutions) bases its judgments on individuals is on the basis of SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED racial prejudices.



Mai Eritas • Washington, United States • 6 days ago | Report Abuse

Being latino myself, I am always surprised to see latino people come to America and so few of them become successful. On the other hand, when Asians and Africans come to the USA they TEND (but not always) to be very successful...



Elmer • Topeka, United States • 6 days ago | Report Abuse

I once asked a Senator how minority preference and non-discrimination could work in the same book- he honestly told me- it doesn't. America- where the minorities have the government jobs- but excelling Asians can't get into college. Is anyone else confused?



TheMadness 6 days ago | Report Abuse

Political correctness and entitlement and rewarding mediocrity, has driven America backwards while other countries have caught up...



Kangaroo1 6 days ago | Report Abuse

When I was in grad school there were three sections. At the end of the year, the bottom 25% in each section was eliminated. Two sections were all white & Asian and the third section was all Hispanic & black. I thought that was really insulting to everyone at this school, especially for... More



Richardson, United States • 5 days ago | Report Abuse

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." M.L.K. Jr...



TomSawyer2011 · Rartan, United States · 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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The fact that there's box to mark race is to ensure blacks and hispanics get an unfair share.

Giantkahunas · Los Angeles, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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too many blacks play in the NBA, so lets diversify and start limiting the number of blacks in the NBA because America is made up of other races too. i know we are talking sports here, but if this was the case, we would not have the best basketball league and players in the world now would we if we... [More](#)



Sara · San Diego, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

How come there NO Jewish to be checked on the application? They are hardy working, over achieving bunch too... In general.



C-Note · Omaha, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

When compated to other ethnic minority groups, Asians excel academically and economically because they have not adopted the "group victimhood" mentality like blacks, hispanics, and native Americans generally have.



Danielle · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

This is similar to my college admissions strategy. I'm half Puerto Rican and half Irish-German. My college adviser told me to only check the Hispanic box and not the white box. He said I would not only have a better chance of getting into college but also a better chance of getting financial aid. I... [More](#)



Carlo Rossi · Fayetteville, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

All admission officers know this discrimination, all politicians know, and the DOE secretary also know, but everyone is blind on this. Why? University get money from alumni who are mainly white, and politicians get votes from 94% of no Asians. Who cares?



Jamesm · Portland, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

The Declaration of Independence affords all the same rights; Martin Luther King and civil rights movement argued only for equality, not special rights. My kids are mixed race, so how do they self identify? As Americans.



Robert · Warrensburg, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

those with only one Asian parent, whose names don't give away their heritage, that decision can be relatively easy. Harder are the questions that it raises: What's behind the admissions difficulties? What, exactly, is an Asian- American — and is being one a choice?"

FTW - Chicago, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

In my humble opinion, any application that asks for race is biased, why should it matter at all? It should should be best candidate for the job. But political correctness and affirmative action have added this question to applications for jobs and school entry, thy need to make their racial quota,... More

Dee Dee - Chicago, Unted States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

That's just sad.. to deny who you are just to get into a good college. I'm black and I'd be mad as heck if another brotha or sista whose scores weren't up to par but was accepted to a top notch school instead of the student (white, asian or whatever) who busted their tail and worked hard to get...

Bsk777 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Will education ever be like the Olympics? Once the race is on (no pun intended), doesn't matter what your race is. If you're the best, you win! Plain and simple.

Ghent96 - Mission, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

At long last, someone besides the middle-class white male American finally realizes that racism is alive and well in America, hidden in the guise of "equality" :P

PM - Seoul, South Korea - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

America has been racing to the bottom since affirmative action began in the 1960's. Fifty years later, we're half way there.

PoleCatMtn 5 days ago | Report Abuse

For a nation whose demographics are changing rapidly, Affirmative Action and Political Correctness are just soft forms of totalitarianism and are offensive. They must be recognized for what they are and that is legal forms of discrimination...

ScottY - Round Rock, United States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Wait a minute...what about the old complaint that the SAT is designed favorably toward white students? I guess the Asian-American students blow the cover off that #\$\$%\$ excuse. The other minority groups cannot be happy about this. Apparently, you don't have to be white to ace the SAT.

Paul H - Texarkana, Unted States - 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Yet again , when My kids were born , I'm white.. wife hispanic.....The nurse said always check off hispanic.....they will

get more aid, , , , , sad, but true

AlexanderTheOkay · Kerrville, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

So you come to a point in your life where you need brain surgery to survive. Do you want the guy that was admitted to medical school because he was most qualified or the guy that got into medical school because of racial quotas to perform the operation?

FEMA CAMPS 5 days ago | Report Abuse

First, they will prevent you from a good education. Second, they will prevent you from a good job. Third, they will prevent you from food and shelter. Resistance is futile.

The Ancient One · Livingston, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

I believe the question of race on any application has divided this country more than the segregated south ever did. When asked that question on an application of any kind I just pencil in HUMAN. I may not get a job or gain admission to a school but at least I can hold my head high.

Brent · Fort Worth, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse



i have a story... one time i was broke really bad and i needed food stamps.. i went into the food stamp office and i was the only white face there. mostly mexican and some black so i listed my race as hispanic..... the case worker questioned me cause i dont look hispanic and i told her my mom was..... [More](#)



Toadkiller Dawg 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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If the reason black students score so much lower on average than white students is because black students receive, on average, a poorer education than white students, then why do Asian students do so well? Do they all attend better schools than white people?



RebukedSnakes - San Diego, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Some of those same schools tried to limit us Jews in the past. So more of us changed our names. Our surnames were dispensible as they generally were given to us anyway. Asians often have surnames with some ancestral significance and it would be a shame for them to resort to the same thing. If... [More](#)



. - Cambridge, United States - 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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We're NOT "all the same". Why have schools been preaching that mantra?



ChicagoSoul 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Racism is socially constructed. There is about less than two percent biological difference in all the billions of human on this earth.

Tacoma, United States - 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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How dare some people do better than others! - America - thanks to the progressive party and the liberal political thought police no longer believe in equal rights- but strongly believes in equal outcome- dispite effort and ability.



Asdasdsada - New York, United States - 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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What amazes me more than anything is how many brilliant asians there are. WHat the heck is going on here? For years we heard the standardized tests were racist against blacks. Why are the Asians doing so well?



Dipsy 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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So they are basically competing against themselves for admission because, why? the quota system.



John - Raleigh, United States - 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Perhaps if college and universities went to a totally race blind admissions policy, then the groups that do not measure up will get the message and decide to compete?



Starstar 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Sometimes I feel like I got into the program by the fact that they need diversity. Well I guess thats how the professor made me feel all the time.




Mopsqueezer 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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One of R. Reagan's aides once told him in an official meeting that Asian students were at risk of crowding other races out of MIT and other technical schools . Reagan's answer : "Yeah.....So what?" He wanted the best to have their opportunity for the best education.

 **Rocco Jammer** · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 [9](#) 0

I did the same for my application at UCLA. I'm half Spanish/Filipino so I checked 'Hispanic' instead of 'Asian/Pacific Islander.' Grades aside, I got accepted. Why compete with other Asians when I can be a grossly underrepresented ethnic group on campus in a Hispanic?

 **Tony He** · Miami, United States · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 0 [9](#) 0


So what do I do if I'm 100% asian? 100% screwed?

 **The Hun** · Peoria, United States · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 2 [9](#) 0


There is only SELECTIVE freedom in the US of A. Quota system for whom? Why not, let's see, Basketball, 60% of players should be WHITE, same in Football and Baseball. In Congress for example, only 1.7% of House of Reps. and Senate should be allowed to be JEWISH, instead of the current close to 20%,... [More](#)

Me · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

Can't fight past discrimination with more discrimination. There's a difference between fair and equal.

 **Jon** · Escondido, United States · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 2 0


.....Race should never be considered for anything. Unless you want to Join the KKK of course, than thats their business.

 **SLB** · Troy, United States · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 2 0


You affirmative action people know that if you really want to ensure race isn't a factor in college admissions, why do you want a full breakdown of race and every possible minority indicator on the applications? It would seem that you would want fully blind applications which only consider... [More](#)

 **Masahiro** · Concord, United States · 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 6 [9](#) 2

basically Asians are really good at trying hard and putting in the necessary effort to achieve success- never giving up. It is what most Americans have forgotten to do and instead rely on the government for handouts

 **Scamp** · 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 5 [9](#) 2

Asians have been discriminated against for generations. Chinese were hunted and shot once their usefulness as railroad laborers ended. Japanese-Americans were herded into concentration camps during WWII. Now they are considered too smart, and they raise the curve so those allowed into school... [More](#)

 **Philip** · Corpus Christi, United States · 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 5 [9](#) 1

When my son who is half asian and half white went to the financial aid office I went with him. I asked the financial aid person if there was anything available for asians. She laughed and said that if he was hispanic or black then he could get extra assistance....

Diana · 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#) 5 [9](#) 1



I am a liberal but I think it's ridiculous that colleges consider race a factor during admissions. Other factors should be considered important such as deaths in the family, poverty, etc... but race? Hey, let's penalize whites and Asians because the majority of them are already "successful"...



Mike Somebody · Nashville, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

... I guess some minorities are more equal than others.



Ty 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Diversity doesn't come from the color of your skin. Diversity comes from the inside- the way people think, talk, eat, play. Offering scholarships based on race and asking someone to check a box about what they believe to be their "race" only separates us further.



Boomer 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Whenever I was asked for my race, I always put...."HUMAN". And I am white, by the way.



Squirreheck · New York, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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So, if you check the "Asian" box, you won't have a Chinaman's chance of getting into....



Ge Ze 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Well, the world is becoming more competitive, like it or not. If you don't prepare your kids adequately enough, you will regret later on.

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I'm white. When I applied I put down I was black. When I showed up at admissions they told me I wasn't black, but I said I was, I just looked white. I got in. If I had put down I was white, I never would have been admitted. Other white friends of mine put down they were Native American. The... More



Freedom · San Diego, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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The best should go period. Stop dumbing down America.



Steve 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Education, ultimately, should free us from all forms of discrimination...but when educators does it?... help!!!!



Ve'hoie · Detroit, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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I watched Oprah talking about Affirmative Action once when asked why there were no african americans on her production team,She said..... "Oh it is not intentional, when we can afford that sort of thing we certainly will but for now we need performers" I thought I would die laughing!!



8183 · San Diego, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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When we compete against the world we want the best to represent us,



Paul · Lubbock, United States · 5 days ago | Report Abuse

The best way to start eliminating racism is to stop basing anything on race.



LrgNutSac 5 days ago | Report Abuse

Affirmative action and quotas are institutionalized reverse racism.



Justwell 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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Imagine if there were quotas on Jewish applicants? I think Asians should file a massive class action lawsuit against these primitive discriminatory practices.



Vanities 5 days ago | Report Abuse

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It should not be a problem that college' admission decisions are partly based on race. The true shame is that colleges will not then admit that this process is racist. Call a spade a spade.



Derrick · Portland, United States · 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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The problem lies in the fact that they get money from the government. If the government says that they need a certain percent of blacks latinos, etc. then they have to make that happen, otherwise they lose their money. The government is persuaded by powerful interest groups paying money to the... More



Founding Father 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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So what this article is saying is that today, being associated with folks that tend to value hard work, determination, and discipline should be penalized. At this rate I fear for the future of this country.



BRNSGR · Medford, United States · 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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WHEN ASKED FOR "RACE" PUT "HUMAN"!!!!



Roger · Parsippany, United States · 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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Almost every better college and all ivys claim diversity in their student body and we all believe it is a positive thing. this racial thing will not go away as long the market wants it. Simple as that, I don't understand why most people don't get it. they use holistic to disguise this racial... More



REPOSTER 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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Another reason why there is no White mother and Asian father: Their children's identity would be obvious so that they can't hide Asian last name on the application.



TheIntellectual 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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"Steven Hsu, a physics professor at the University of Oregon and a vocal critic of current admissions policies, says there is a clear statistical case that discrimination exists."

Asian students, what more you need? Remove U of Oregon from your list.



EXTINCT 6 days ago | Report Abuse

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Education in this country is not about education, but politics. We undermine our own best, and then we wonder why we are losing our competitive edge in the world. Everyone and anyone CAN become excellent if that is the standard we hold for all and help them get there. However, if we promote the... [More](#)



Eric 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Affirmative Action now that is a concept. Why don't we apply it to the USA Olympic Team as well as professional sports?



X • [Phoenix, United States](#) • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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This article leaves the impression that Asians are complaining. That is false. Did they make a big deal about it and file a lawsuit claiming reverse discrimination? No, they simply omit to check the "race" question, and would like the admission process to be race-neutral. Isn't this something... [More](#)

Syd 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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"I thought admission wouldn't be worth it. It would be like only half of me was accepted."

Good for you, Jodi! Progress has never been achieved by accepting the status quo.

Santa Monica, United States • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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This is so call the democracy of America. Admission base on race. What a stupid idea. In France, job applications only have applicant's numbers instead of the name of applicant. That is true fairness. Asians are panelized for being excellent. What a stupid system. I dont know why Asians are..

Jorg • [Tokyo, Japan](#) • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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That whole system is stupid. Let in the people who earn it...

Cambridge, United States • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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The messed up school system has been preaching "we're all the same" and at the same time "diversity". How stupid can you be to not see the inherent contradiction between these two?

Katherine • [Richardson, United States](#) • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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America is the final loser here. Asians are smart in school subjects, but are not at all smart in politics. It's common knowledge that Asians are judged against higher standards for entering top universities. Interestingly, Asians do not make much noise about it. Shame on colleges setting much... [More](#)

Jim T • [Milwaukee, United States](#) • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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this is funny . i think of the African Americans who have the opposite problem because we are bullied by the losers in our families and community who want to keep us down at their level by saying being smart is trying to be white or "the white man ain't gonna let you get ahead anyway."

Christine 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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As a half-Chinese sophomore at an Ivy League school not mentioned in this article, I can attest to the fact that many students are now manipulating the race card in order to receive preferential treatment during the admissions process.

Mantis 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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If universities want to end racial discrimination, they need to stop racially discriminating.

Yitro • [New York, United States](#) • 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Just some labels to separate you from the people you share this earth with. Once these labels were created, stigmas, lies, myths and destructive information/propaganda was placed on these labels. Now we treat each other accordingly. Sad system.

Anthony 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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It has nothing to do with one race being smarter than another. It has to do with working hard and ETHICS. I been to Asian homes, and in most cases, the kids work hard as in striving to do well and willing to learn. Their parents care for them and want them to do well.

Sbbbl 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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It's a blatant racism, impertinent, and so abhorable for having to put checkmark on "race" as a requirement to enter a college or get a job as though we were a bunch of experimental creatures. Human is human. America, don't preach about racism and give example to the world on how to do it. Shame on..

ObrTim • [Tampa, United States](#) • 5 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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Let's see a breakdown of Jews at Harvard? Stop LYING about Jews as if they are white Europeans and deceiving the people by making them think Harvard is ALL white. If anyone is over-represented at Harvard it's Jews and that includes the the Teachers / Administration. Jews themselves are Asians....

Cooley_54 6 days ago | [Report Abuse](#)

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most asians arrived in america after the blacks. why are they more successful than blacks?

