

Affirmative Action in the Schools

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Background

Black people in America have been enslaved for too long! We were taken from our homeland and shipped to an unknown country we have no ties with. America's government was later established, but it wasn't created for blacks. It was meant for those who identify as white. Once slavery supposedly ended after the Civil War because of the Emancipation and the help of the 13th Amendment which claims to abolish slavery completely, which wasn't true a few months later. Then the rise of racist groups and the usage of black codes and Jim Crow Laws limited the freedom of blacks. This was a nightmare, segregation happened and that meant we weren't treated like citizens or equal to whites. Years later we have the 14th amendment which first helped desegregate schools and that meant black children can go the same schools as white children. This was a historical day and an opportunity for black people to shine and another step to freedom!

How I Define Affirmative Action

“She’s got a Point. She’s a Icon. She’s a Legend. And She is the moment.
Now c'mon now.” - Wendy Williams

This law is the greatest thing that happened to black people

Reparations

Making things equal between races

Example #1



First part shows equality, second shows that the other doesn't like equalness, then the third you see him standing on the school which doesn't benefit him at all. The point is that the stool was given to the short kid because he didn't have the opportunity to see over the fence. This is similar to affirmative action.

What really is Affirmative Action?

Affirmative Action is a set of laws that the government has created in order to diversify communities. An act of favoring a group over another because they have been discriminated against. This policy takes place in workplaces, schools, and anywhere that they have to follow these bylaws. Passed in 1961.

Example #2

On the right it shows a black person hoping to get into a school, but she worries because of “institutional racism” and fears that her grades will not be good enough.



On the left it shows a white person automatically getting into school. She relies on her parents money and ask them if they can bribe the school in order to get in.

The Presidents of the Past/ Affirmative Action elsewhere

1961 – Executive Order 10925 issued by President Kennedy

The Johnson administration embraced affirmative action in 1965, by issuing U.S Executive order 11246, 1

During the Nixon administration, affirmative action was adopted as a federal mandate for companies with federal contracts

1971 – Executive Order No. 11625, issued by President Nixon

1979 – U.S. Executive Order 12138

Issued by President Jimmy Carter, “this executive order created a National Women's Business Enterprise Policy and required government agencies to take affirmative action in support of women's business enterprises.”

“A Brief History of Affirmative Action”

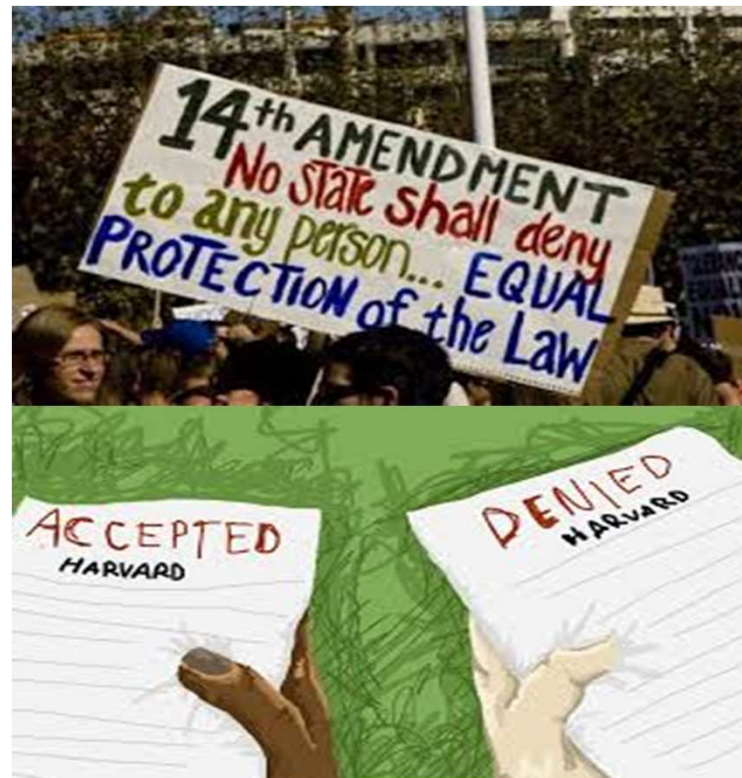
14th Amendment vs Affirmative Action

“Equal protection under the laws to born or naturalized citizens of the United States”

All people are equal

Used against Affirmative Action

Critics- not following amendments



Effects

2003 - case of *Grutter v. Bollinger*

University of Michigan, some of the Supreme Court Justices believed that it was unconstitutional to fill the quotas of wanting to have more diversity at a college. Also, some agreed that affirmative action was going to be illegal in the next 25 years because it wouldn't be necessary anymore. The final ruling for this case was that the undergraduate rules were to change because its admission policy was too race based when looking at applications, but nothing changed for its graduate programs.

racism

hatred

discrimination

competitiveness

Statistics

Statistically, there have already been eight states that rejected the use of affirmative action in applications. A survey conducted in 2016 resulted in 63% of Americans claiming that race and ethnicity should not be a factor in college admissions, while 27% said that it should be a minor factor and 9% said it should be a major one.

Currently At Risk

SFFA Group Protesting

Asian-Americans claim mistreatment

Lawyer, conservative, Trump

6 conservative Supreme Court Justices/3 Liberal

A Message From the President

“You do not take a person who for years has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him up to the starting line of a race, then say, ‘You are free to compete with all the others,’ and still justly believe that you have been completely fair.” This message by President Johnson in 1965 was influenced by the decision of President Kennedy, who made affirmative action a federal policy in schools in 1961.

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