

Affirmative action

“Affirmative action” policies do nothing to increase the overall number of blacks and Hispanics able to access a college education. Rather, those racial policies simply redistribute individuals among institutions of higher learning, placing some into more competitive institutions than they otherwise would have attended. ... The resulting mismatch places “many blacks and Hispanics who likely would have excelled at less elite schools ... in a position where underperformance is all but inevitable because they are less academically prepared than the white and Asian students with whom they must compete.”

**Clarence Thomas, concurring in
Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v.
Harvard College and University of North Carolina**