

## Affirmative action

In fact, all racial categories are little more than stereotypes, suggesting that immutable characteristics somehow conclusively determine a person's ideology, beliefs, and abilities. Of course, that is false. ... Members of the same race do not all share the exact same experiences and viewpoints; far from it. ... Yet, universities' racial policies suggest that racial identity "*alone constitutes the being of the race or the man*" ... That is the same naked racism upon which segregation itself was built.

Small wonder, then,  
that these policies are leading to  
increasing racial polarization and friction.

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