

Affirmative action

This contention [that it is unfair to consider race as one factor in college admissions] blinks both history and reality in ways too numerous to count.

But the response is simple:

Our country has never been colorblind. Given the lengthy history of state-sponsored race-based preferences in America, to say that anyone is now victimized if a college considers whether that legacy of discrimination has unequally advantaged its applicants fails to acknowledge the well-documented “intergenerational transmission of inequality” that still plagues our citizenry.

**Katanji Brown Jackson, dissent in
Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v.
Harvard College and University of North Carolina**