

Affirmative action

The US debate remains stubbornly monopolised by the ethnic breakdown of the tiny number of students who win the Ivy League lottery.

The 19mn or so of those 31mn young Americans who do not progress beyond high school, and the roughly 12mn who go to less elite colleges, barely feature.

Whatever tweaks the Ivy League has to make to keep its diversity ratios after last week's ruling are thus largely irrelevant to the 99.8 per cent that will never get there.

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