**Affirmative or Negative?**

**Question:**
...Do you support or oppose government and private programs that give women, blacks and other minorities preference over white men getting into college, getting a job, or getting a promotion?

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**Source:** Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, January 16-20, 2003.

**Question:**
Do you support or oppose government and private programs that give women, blacks and other minorities assistance—but not preference—getting into college, getting a job, or getting a promotion?

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**Question:**
Do you think that blacks who live in your community do or do not have as good a chance as whites to get a job for which they're qualified?

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**Note:** Asked of respondents who said they had blacks living in their communities.

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**Question:**
Have you personally ever felt that you were denied a job you were qualified for just because of your race, or not? [If not] As far as you're aware, has that ever happened to a close friend or someone in your immediate family?

**Black Respondents**

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**Note:** Asked of black respondents.

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**Question:**
In order to make up for past discrimination, do you favor or oppose programs which make special efforts to help minorities get ahead?

**Oppose**

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**Note:**


**Question:**
Now thinking about the effects of racism and affirmative action on the society as a whole, which do you think is a bigger problem today—blacks and Hispanics losing out because of racism, or whites losing out because of affirmative action?

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Question: Do you think affirmative action programs in hiring, promoting, and college admissions should be continued, or do you think these affirmative action programs should be abolished?

**CONTINUED**
- Total: 54%
- Whites: 47%
- Blacks: 94%

**ABOLISHED**
- Total: 37%
- Whites: 42%
- Blacks: 3%


Question: How do you think affirmative action for blacks and Hispanics in college admissions affects the overall quality of education? Do you think it improves quality, decreases quality, or doesn’t have much effect on quality either way?

**IMPROVES**
- Total: 22%
- Whites: 18%
- Minorities: 34%

**NOT MUCH EFFECT**
- Total: 53%
- Whites: 57%
- Minorities: 44%

**DECREASES**
- Total: 14%
- Whites: 15%
- Minorities: 10%


Question: How important do you think it is for a college to have a racially diverse student body, that is, a mix of blacks, whites, Asians, Hispanics and other minorities? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

**VERY IMPORTANT**
- Total: 46%
- Whites: 42%
- Minorities: 33%

**SOMewhat IMPORTANT**
- Total: 33%
- Whites: 38%
- Minorities: 43%

**NOT TOO IMPORTANT**
- Total: 11%
- Whites: 8%
- Minorities: 7%

**NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT**
- Total: 8%
- Whites: 9%
- Minorities: 9%


Question: How important do you think it is for a college to have a racially diverse student body, that is, a mix of blacks, whites, Asians, Hispanics and other minorities? Is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

**Very important**
- Total: 44%
- Whites: 40%
- Minorities: 54%

**Somewhat important**
- Total: 38%
- Whites: 43%
- Minorities: 26%

**Not too important**
- Total: 11%
- Whites: 8%
- Minorities: 7%

**Not at all important**
- Total: 8%
- Whites: 9%
- Minorities: 9%


Question: When I mention affirmative action for blacks and Hispanics in college and university admissions, do you think of it more as setting quotas or fixed numbers of positions for blacks and Hispanics in college admissions, [or] increasing outreach efforts to find qualified black and Hispanic college applicants?

**Increasing outreach**
- Total: 44%
- Whites: 40%
- Minorities: 54%

**Setting quotas**
- Total: 38%
- Whites: 43%
- Minorities: 26%


Question: As a result of affirmative action for blacks and Hispanics in college admissions, do you think less qualified applicants are accepted often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

**Never**
- Don't know: 11%
- Often: 14%

**Hardly ever**
- Don't know: 26%
- Sometimes: 44%

**Sometimes**
- Don't know: 28%
- Get better: 24%

**Get worse**
- Don't know: 9%
- Stay about the same: 47%


Question: Without affirmative action for blacks and Hispanics, do you think blacks' and Hispanics' representation among college students would get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

**Get better**
- Don't know: 20%
- Often: 24%

**Get worse**
- Don't know: 9%
- Stay about the same: 47%


Question: Without affirmative action for blacks and Hispanics, do you think blacks' and Hispanics' representation among college students would get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

**Approve**
- Total: 65%
- Whites: 62%
- Minorities: 73%

**Disapprove**
- Total: 28%
- Whites: 32%
- Minorities: 19%

**Don’t know**
- Total: 7%
- Whites: 8%
- Minorities: 8%