Town Hall #11

Announcements

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Beautification Proposal Passed!!!

Meme of the Week





To whoever just knocked extremely loudly on the door of 216 while class was in session, and then ran away to avoid getting caught, thank you.

That was such an incredibly cool and funny way to disrupt a class. I don't know who you are, but I am sure you have gained a tremendous level of social status with your daring and original display of creativity.

Banging on the door of a classroom during class, and then running away. We're blessed to have the presence of such inspirational members of our community, walking among our hallways. An inspiration to the whole community.

Thank you for choosing our classroom for your genius performance art.

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Outfit of the week

Some Freshman



Vort of the Week

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remain silent when you know your words will be ignored (Yevamot 65b).

Just as you are obligated to speak when your words will be heeded, you must

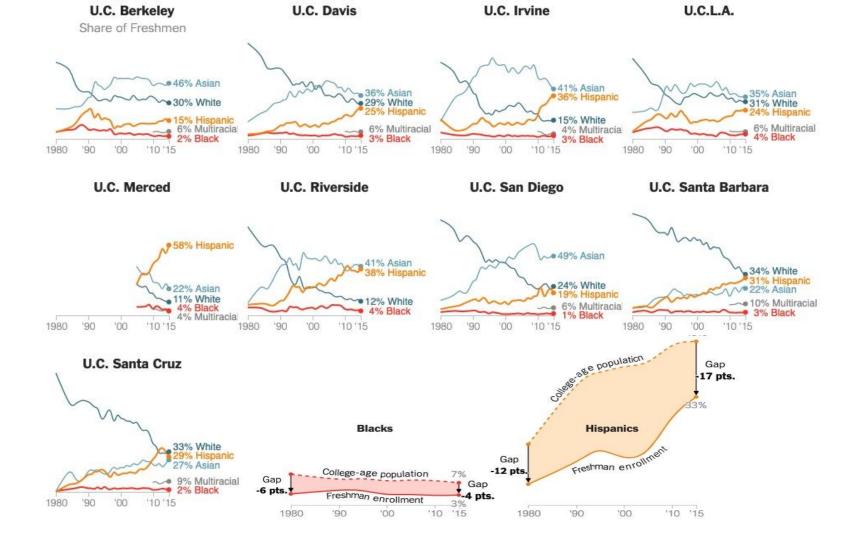
Inclusivity in Sports

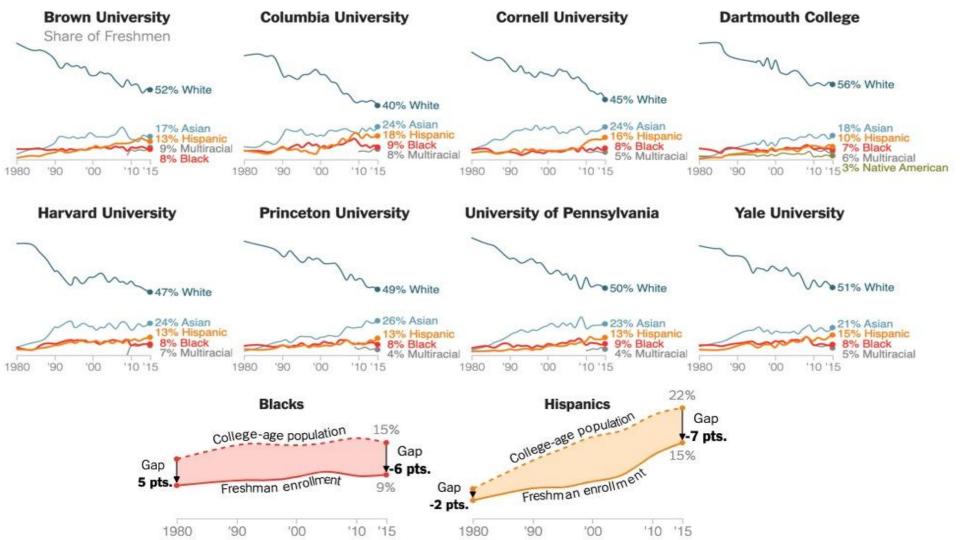
Initial Questions

- What are the ramifications of being inclusive?
- What is gained and/or lost in the attempt in the pursuit of diversity?
 - Is someone put into a worse situation because of our pursuit for diversity?
- Should we believe in a direct meritocracy?
 - If you are best fit for the job, then you should get the job

Rooney Rule

- The Rooney Rule is a rule in the NFL which requires teams to interview 2 minorities for each the head coaching position as well as the general manager position.
 - In the first three years of the Rooney Rule, there was a 16% increase of minority coaches in the league
 - The 12 years after that, there were 14 total minority coaches, many who were fired in the following years
 - Now the NFL has only 5 minority head coaches.
 - Brian Flores, a former NFL head coach, accused multiple teams of conducting sham interviews of him just to satisfy this rule.





Is the Rooney Rule Fair?

- Colleges tend to factor ethnicity in their admissions process which may sometimes causes some qualified students to not get chosen.
 - Is that fair? Why or why not?
 - Does this result in a better education for all?
- What is your reaction to the decision for the English department in our school making the curriculum more inclusive? What is gained and what is lost?
- Is the attempt for inclusion more important than making sure the most qualified person fits the role?
 - If not, what are the possible solutions to ensure that there is diversity?

Transgenders in Sports

- University of Pennsylvania swimmer Lia Thomas swam with the Mens team for the past 3 years, but this year is now swimming with the women's team. This caused USA Swimming to change their rules on transgender athletes.
 - Transgender athletes must show 36 continuous months of having lower testosterone levels.
 - Women must have a testosterone level less that 5 nanomoles per liter of blood
 - Men typically have 10 to 35 nmol/L
 - Women typically have .5 to 2.4 nmol/L
- New Zealand Weightlifter, Laurel Hubbard, competed in the Olympics as a women after previously competing as a man.
 - She started hormone therapy in 2012 and started to compete in 2017

The Strive for Fair Competition

- Should testosterone levels be taken into consideration in competitions?
 - Should athletes be restricted from competing for lacking or having an increased amount of testosterone?

 If someone transitions from one gender to another, should they be forced to compete with their new gender? Or should they compete with the gender they identify with?

What are possible solutions to this problem?

Links

https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/16-penn-swimmers-issue-letter-suppor t-new-transgender-athlete-rules-rcna14928

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