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**RACECARD**  
Messiah Complex Edition  
Use It To Charge Racism  
As it is only acceptable to talk about race when lord Obama wants to talk about race.  
Opposition to Obama's ideas automatically renders you a white racist.  
www.swordatheready.wordpress.com

**FREE RIDE TO WHITE HOUSE**  
B. HUSSEIN OBAMA

MEMBER SINCE: SUPER TUESDAY  
VALID UNTIL: CROWNED

Trump says he would closing down some s in the U.S.

**DAILY NEWS**  
Donald Trump: I would shut down certain mosques in U.S. if elected

Islamic organization que comments

CONSIDER CLOSING MOSQUES

**“When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending the best... they’re sending people that have lots of problems and they’re bringing those problems with us. They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists...”**





Post-Racial  
Entrapment



# Playing the Post-Racial Card

# Race Talk Without Racism

Racial Difference

+ Inequality

- Racial Power

= Individual/Cultural

Intervention.



THE REWIRING OF SONY • ROE V. WADE TURNS 30

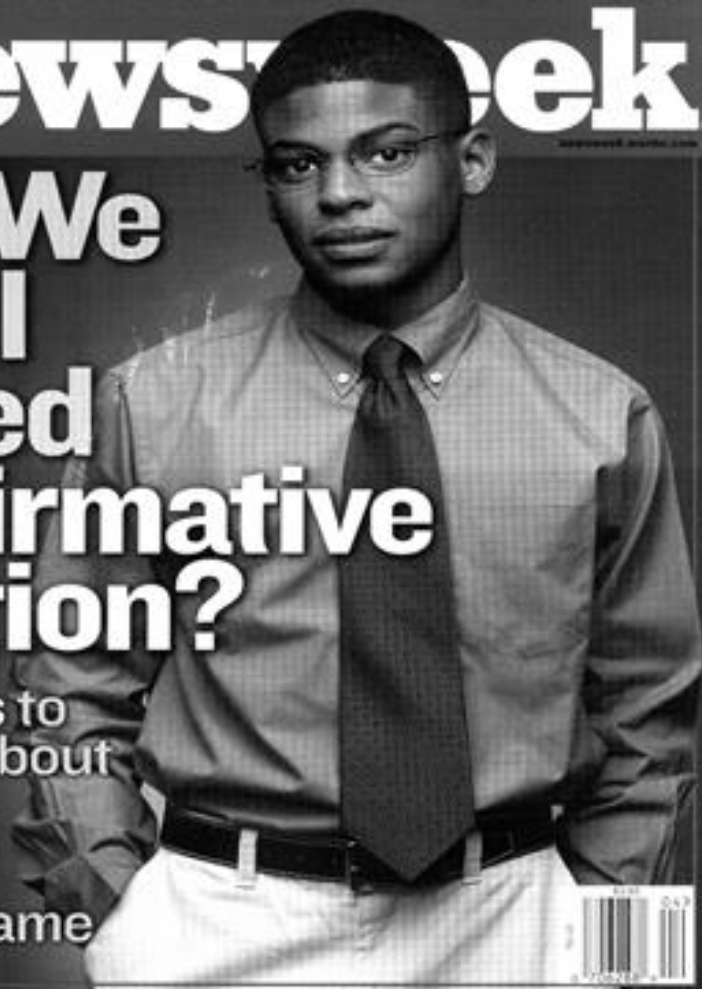
**Newsweek**

January 23, 2002

**Do We  
Still  
Need  
Affirmative  
Action?**

10 Ways to  
Think About  
It Now

Bush's  
Race Game



RICHARD H. SANDER STUART TAYLOR, JR.

# MISMATCH

HOW AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
HURTS STUDENTS IT'S  
INTENDED TO HELP,  
AND WHY UNIVERSITIES  
WON'T ADMIT IT



**Discrimination in Employment**

**Under Funded Schools**

**School to Prison Pipeline**

**Hyper-Segregation**

**Racial Isolation**

**Stereotype Threat**


**Implicit Bias**

**Racial Profiling**

**Connections**

**Privilege**

**Wealth**



**EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY  
MYTH**



# Henrico County School Board: Defending Fragility & Colorblindness



“The Henrico School Board and administration consider this to be a matter of grave concern. We are making every effort to respond to our community. It is our goal to prevent the recurrence of this type of event. School leaders have been instructed not to use the video in our schools.”

-Micky Ogburn, Henrico County School Board



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