

Bad Guidance on Racial Preferences

As the K–12 school year draws to a close, school boards and superintendents will have to decide about tweaking student assignments for the fall. As they do so, they will also have to decide how much weight to give to the Obama administration’s “Guidance on the Voluntary Use of Race to Achieve Diversity and Avoid Racial Isolation in Elementary and Secondary Schools,” which was released jointly late last year by the Education and Justice Departments.

School districts would be well-advised to ignore this twelve-page document, since it is bad policy – and will only get them into legal trouble.

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Fact-Checking the *New York Times*

The Supreme Court’s decision Tuesday to grant review in *Fisher v. University of Texas*, a case challenging that school’s use of racial and ethnic preferences in undergraduate admissions, got front-page, next-day treatment in the *New York Times*. Unfortunately, the article is misleading in some important ways. No surprise: The mainstream media’s efforts to pressure the justices are under way.

The article begins with a suggestion (repeated later on) that the Court is somehow reneging on a promise that it would allow

racial preferences to remain in place for 25 years. Here it is, less than nine years into that deal, and those pesky justices are back.

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