The SCOTUS Decisions: What School Counselors Should Know

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SCOTUS Decisions

The Court ruled that race-conscious admissions policies at Harvard, a private institution, and the University of North Carolina, a public one, were unlawful.

The Court ruled that the Biden administration’s plan to wipe out more than $400 billion in student debt was not authorized by Congress.

The Court ruled that a web designer has a First Amendment right to refuse to create sites for same-sex weddings despite a state law that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.
What Will Happen: 8 Predictions by Dr. Shaun Harper

1. Black Student Enrollments Will Decline At Many Predominantly White Institutions
2. Enrollments Will Increase At Historically Black Colleges And Universities
3. Schools With Big-Time Sports Programs Will Miraculously Find Admissible Black Athletes
4. Interpretive Overreach Will Lead To Decreases In Race-Focused Campus Initiatives
5. Numbers Of Faculty And Administrators Of Color Will Decline
6. People Of Color Will Be Further Marginalized At PWIs
7. White Students Will Learn Too Little And Enter Professions Even Less Prepared
8. White Women Will Be Just Fine
Racial Disparities in Higher Education

Figure 1. 
Percentage of Adults Ages 25 to 64 With a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2021
(Universe is the civilian noninstitutionalized population of adults ages 25 to 64)

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<th>Race/Origin</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>36.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian alone, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>60.8</td>
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<td>Some Other Race alone, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>42.3</td>
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<td>White alone, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>41.5</td>
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<td>Multiracial, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>37.2</td>
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<td>Black or African American alone, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>26.8</td>
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<td>Hispanic or Latino</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander alone, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>19.0</td>
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<td>American Indian and Alaska Native alone, not Hispanic or Latino</td>
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Note: Hispanic or Latino includes people identifying as any race. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions in the American Community Survey, refer to <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2021.pdf>. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.
## Racial Disparities in Higher Education

### Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2021

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<th>Educational Level</th>
<th>Median usual weekly earnings ($)</th>
<th>Unemployment rate (%)</th>
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<td>Doctoral degree</td>
<td>1,909</td>
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<td>Professional degree</td>
<td>1,924</td>
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<td>Master's degree</td>
<td>1,574</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degree</td>
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<td>Associate's degree</td>
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<td>Some college, no degree</td>
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<td>High school diploma</td>
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<td>Less than a high school diploma</td>
<td>626</td>
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All workers: $1,057

**Total: 4.7%**

Student Loan Debt

Payment Status of Student Loans for Own Education
Among borrowers between ages 18-39

- **Asian**: 62% Paid, 44% Current, 5% Behind
- **Black**: 11% Paid, 66% Current, 23% Behind
- **Hispanic**: 23% Paid, 56% Current, 20% Behind
- **White**: 32% Paid, 61% Current, 6% Behind

Source: Federal Reserve
Average Cumulative Amount Borrowed for Undergraduate Study

- White: $17,850
- Black: $22,550
- Hispanic: $21,240
- Asian: $21,260
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: $19,310
- Two or More Races: $13,820

Source: National Center for Education Statistics
Continued Discrimination for LGBTQ Youth

Percentage of LGBTQ who experienced the following related to their sexual orientation or gender identity

- Discrimination
  - 29% (Red)
  - 71% (Green)

- Attempted to convince to change
  - 33% (Red)
  - 67% (Green)

71% Feeling sad/hopeless for at least two weeks in the past year

Survey conducted among 34,000 respondents in 2019
Source: The Trevor Project