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"The state shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting." How could Proposition ___ be clearer? EVERYONE should be treated equally. That's why the four of us that had the chance to refer this to the ballot in 2009, did so heartily -- had the other been in office then, he would have too!

Proposition ___ mirrors the colorblind language of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by commanding equal treatment under the law. There are government entities in Arizona that categorize people by race and based upon such classification administer preferences to them. For example, the cities of Phoenix and Tucson have policies that allow minority contractors to bid higher amounts and still be considered the low bid. How is this justified?... So-called "enhancing diversity."

Huh? It is already blatantly unconstitutional for government to not choose a woman or minority because they are such. So all these government preferences are saying is women, minorities, people of color aren't good enough to create a natural, genuine diversity on the merits. This is not only patronizing and insulting, it is pure bunk.

Proposition ___ only applies to public education, public hiring and public contracting. The aim is to ensure that all Arizonans are treated equally by the government. No person should be entitled to "special" programs solely based on their race or sex.

Arizonans are fair-minded. The suggestion by the opposition to Proposition ___ that women and minorities cannot be educated or get a job without government interference is condescending, sexist and racist.

Vote Yes on Proposition ___ to insist government treat all citizens equally and fairly.

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