

EXPAND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY—VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION ~~10~~ XXX

Some people believe that adding points to test scores of applicants to public universities, or awarding public contracts based on race or ethnicity, is "affirmative action." But it is really discrimination, and it is wrong.

Not only that, it doesn't help the people it is intended to help: the most disadvantaged members of society. My colleague Mark Flatten at the Goldwater Institute recently exposed a Sky Harbor Airport program that was supposed to aid disadvantaged businesses, but instead provided lucrative contracts to politically connected businesses because their owners are members of specified minority groups. This is not affirmative action, it is fraud.

True affirmative action means helping people who have had to overcome disadvantages, regardless of their race or ethnicity. States such as Florida, Texas, and California have banned racial preferences, yet have increased opportunities by rewarding individuals who work hard and overcome obstacles. That is true affirmative action, and it begins in earnest only when government no longer has the power to substitute it with racial preferences.

We have the chance in Arizona to set the standard for equal opportunity. But we must first get our state and local governments out of the sordid business of classifying people on the basis of race and ethnicity and awarding opportunities on that basis. We can do that by voting yes on Proposition ~~10~~ XXX

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