



STUDY GUIDE

WHO ARE THE RACISTS: CONSERVATIVES OR LIBERALS?

KEY TERMS:

racist

conservative

superior

liberal

inferior

NOTE-TAKING COLUMN: Complete this section <u>during</u> the video. Include definitions and key terms.	CUE COLUMN: Complete this section <u>after</u> the video.
<p>Critics who often characterize conservatives as being racist equate that supposed racism to what?</p> <p>What motivates opponents to charge conservatives as racists?</p> <p>Why do critics accuse voter ID laws as being racist conservative policy?</p>	<p>What demonstrates that conservatives are not racist?</p> <p>What demonstrates that many liberal positions on issues actually are racist?</p>

DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Mr. Green begins the video by stating, “Hardly a day goes by that someone of prominence – a politician, a talk show host, an entertainer – doesn’t call some conservative – or Conservatives generally – racist,” then further states that, “To say that racism is foolish and stupid – not to mention evil – is to understate the case. But, according to many of their critics, conservatives are that stupid and that evil.” Why do you think that conservatives are thought of and demonized in this way? How much do you think the media plays a role in promulgating this egregious misconception?
- Mr. Green answers the last question of why conservatives are demonized as racists by explaining, “The answer is primarily political: to maintain black support for liberals and liberal policies.” What exactly does Mr. Green mean by that? Do you agree with answer? Why or why not?
- When discussing Affirmative Action policy, Mr. Green points out that, “The conservative position is that blacks have repeatedly proven they can compete with anyone without the benefits – demeaning benefits, I might add – of lower standards. There are countless examples of black success in every field at every level,” and concludes that, “The [Affirmative Action] policy is no longer necessary.” Why don’t more people, especially those who support it, see that Affirmative Action is demeaning- that the fundamental premise of Affirmative Action (minorities aren’t good enough, so we have to lower the standards for them) is racist by its very nature? Shouldn’t having a black president who graduated from an ivy-league school be the ‘nail in the coffin’ for those who support Affirmative Action? Why or why not?
- During another policy example, Mr. Green reminds us that, “...the accusers say that conservatives who support Voter ID are racist.” What arguments and evidence do these accusers bring up when promoting their position? Do their arguments and evidence have any merit? Why or why not? What arguments would you use to defend the conservative position on this issue?
- At the end of the video, Mr. Green states, “At some point, maybe you’ll start asking yourself, like I did: Who’s really obsessed with race? And whose policies really hurt blacks and minorities?” How would you answer his questions? Why?

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

CASE STUDY: School Vouchers

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Study: School Choice Vouchers Help Minority Students and Those Born in U.S.,” then answer the questions that follow.

- What does the study show? If you were the parent of a minority student wouldn't you want to have the choice to send your child to a much better school? If you were this parent, would you consider the conservatives who brought you that choice racist? Why or why not?
- Doesn't having a choice of where to send a child to school represent an aspect of freedom? Isn't freedom an American value? Considering the proven benefits to minority students in particular, why do you think that critics of school vouchers sometimes characterize the conservatives who promote this kind of freedom for all Americans as racists?
- In the video Mr. Green, when referencing non-conservative parents who are against school vouchers, states, “It's the other side that doesn't trust minority parents to select an appropriate school for their children,” then asks, “Why aren't the people who compel black children to stay in terrible schools the racists?” How would you answer his question? Why?



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 - a. Intelligence
 - b. Goodness
 - c. Skin color
 - d. All of the above.

2. **Conservatives believe that blacks and other minorities are not as capable as whites of succeeding and therefore still need Affirmative Action.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. **In the case of college admissions, Affirmative Action could hurt blacks because_____.**
 - a. Their options are severely limited.
 - b. They are no longer eligible for scholarships.
 - c. They get placed in schools for which they're not prepared.
 - d. They receive no special privileges.

4. **Why are conservatives so often called "racists"?**
 - a. To maintain black support for conservatives and conservative policies.
 - b. To maintain black support for liberals and liberal policies.
 - c. Because it accurately describes what conservatives stand for.
 - d. To increase voter registration.

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<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/01/26/study-school-choice-vouchers-help-minority-students-and-those-born-in-u-s/>

Study: School Choice Vouchers Help Minority Students and Those Born in U.S.



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A new [study](#) published in the *Journal of Public Economics* and discussed in a [press release](#) at the Harvard Kennedy School provides the first observed estimates on the long-term impact of school voucher programs that allow parents to choose the education setting of their children. Vouchers were found to be particularly beneficial to low-income, minority students.

The study's authors discovered that minority students who received a school voucher enabling them to attend a private elementary school in 1997, were, later on in 2013, found to be 10 percent more likely to enroll in college and 35 percent more likely than their peers in public school to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree.

Additionally, the study found that vouchers had a significant effect on the chance that students born in the United States would attend college and receive a bachelor's degree. The students born in the U.S. and who received vouchers were 18 percent more likely to enroll in college and 61 percent more likely to graduate from college. No similar significant effects of school vouchers, however, were observed for students not born in the U.S.

This week the country celebrates "[National School Choice Week](#)," when the concept of educational choice is expressed as the ability of all families to decide on the best education prospects for their children, regardless of whether the venue is in a private, parochial, public, or other setting.