

# Why The Academic Achievement Gap Is A Racist Idea

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*"Standardized tests have become the most effective racist weapon ever devised to objectively degrade Black minds and legally exclude their bodies"*



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This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the academic achievement gap—built and continuously renovated by the 100-year-old standardized testing movement. It is a centennial that hardly anyone knows about.