

CACAGNY Opposes Governor Hochul's 10% Scheme for SUNY, CUNY

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(See also [New York Post article](#))

CACAGNY opposes the 10% scheme that Governor Hochul announced at her State of the State address on January 9, 2024. The scheme grants automatic admission into SUNY and CUNY institutions to the top 10% of each New York State public high school graduating class.

We all know the real purpose of these “top percent” admission schemes. Governor Hochul came up with her 10% scheme in response to *SFFA v. Harvard*, which made racial balancing illegal and which she called “a dark day for democracy and equality” -- just like the University of Texas System came up in 1997 with the Texas “Top Ten Percent Plan” – the first large-scale “top percent” university admission scheme in America -- in response to *Hopwood v. Texas*, which made overt racial balancing legally risky at state universities in Texas.

“Top percent” plans are implemented to carry out illegal racial balancing without getting caught.

Following typical immigration paths, Asian-American families congregate in a small number of high schools, where they do very well on a state-wide basis because they, *on average*, out-study white students by 2:1 and black students by 4:1 in homework hours, according to a Brookings Institution study. Thus, even when an Asian-American student is not in the top 10% of *his* class, he can still be miles ahead of those at the top 10% of *their* classes elsewhere in the state. And that's exactly how “top percent” schemes everywhere discriminate against Asian-American high school graduates: despite being academically superior, they'll be disfavored in admissions.

This is by design and on purpose.

In New York, the situation will be especially dire at the top campuses -- SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Binghamton, CUNY Baruch with its Zicklin Business School – which attract the strongest applicant pools and therefore have been enrolling large classes of studious Asian-Americans in the past: too many, to Governor Hochul's taste. Governor Hochul's scheme will – by design – devastate Asian-American applicants by giving priority to weaker applicants from the rest of the state.

CACAGNY opposes Governor Hochul's top 10% scheme because it discriminates against Asian-American students.

Governor Hochul should do the right thing and cancel her top 10% scheme.

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