



## Big Myths about MCRI

**MYTH: MCRI “ends all affirmative action”**

**FACT:** MCRI makes it unconstitutional to pick winners and losers based solely on race and sex. It will make it so that everyone has an opportunity to compete under the same standards for acceptance to college, positions in public employment, and winning government contracts.

**MYTH: Women are helped by the presence of racial preferences in college admissions**

**FACT:** Race always trumps sex. Our government should focus on providing equal opportunities rather than creating policies that attempt to engineer equal outcomes. Lawsuits against the University of Michigan (*Gratz* and *Grutter*), University of Texas (*Hopwood*), University of Washington (*Smith*), and a New Jersey school district (*Taxman*) were all brought by women who were victims of racial preferences.

**FACT:** In the original point system that UM introduced, the only gender preference given was to men entering nursing.

**MYTH: Scientific research into breast cancer or other gender-specific diseases may be affected; Domestic Violence Shelters may be eliminated; Breast cancer screening centers may be eliminated.**

**FACT:** MCRI only affects public employment, public contracting, and public education.

**MYTH: Race preferences are needed because of the disparities in public schools.**

**FACT:** Race preferences only serve as a band-aid and do nothing to help failing public schools. In order to solve the real disparity in our socio-economic system is through improving the school system. Racial preferences do nothing to solve this long-term problem.

**FACT:** Even strong supporters of affirmative action found that 86% of blacks who enrolled in the 28 selective universities they studied were middle or upper middle class. Once preferences were eliminated in California, more socioeconomic disadvantaged students were accepted -- UC Berkley-32.4% are eligible for Pell Grants and at UCLA 35.1% are eligible compared to 8-9% on average in the elite public universities nationwide.

**MYTH: “Race is only one of many factors” ... “If MCRI passes there will be drastic and devastating effects”**

**FACT:** This is a contradiction and shows that the opposition will say and for that, matter will do anything to distort the facts. If race is truly only one of many factors then once the Initiative passes there will be little impact.