

Is Political Correctness More Important Than Common Sense?

Some students at Cornell University think political correctness is more important than common sense. An open forum was held to discuss problems with Cornell's student governing organization called the Student Assembly. The meeting was called to address the representation of minority students. Minorities are already represented by special liaison positions for international students, LGBT students, female students and others. However, that was not enough for some liberal young people. They demanded more minority representatives.

Clearly these students are not learning much from their history and government classes. They should know that race-restrictive elections are unconstitutional in the United States. Unfortunately, liberals do not seem to care about the facts. This is what happens when there is a culture of political correctness on college campuses. Students care more about feelings than facts. One liberal student even said "I don't need to see statistics to know that people feel under-represented."

This problem at Cornell proves that political correctness still reigns supreme on many university campuses. Feminists and LGBT activists like to complain about how they are deprived of equality. However, the race-based elections they propose are not equal at all. These liberal college students need to understand that America's democratic elections are designed to give every citizen an equal voice in how their government is run. That equality is what makes America's government so unique and effective. When someone is not allowed to vote in an election because they are white, male or heterosexual, that takes away that person's voice. Cornell's Student Assembly should not take away the rights of students

to vote just because they are not in any minority group. That is un-American and unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause.

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