

What is your opinion on the proposal SCA-5? Why?

Senate Constitutional Amendment No.5 (SCA-5) is currently one of the most controversial proposals, with each side debating whether or not the amendment is constitutional. The purpose of SCA-5 is to give voters a chance to repeal parts of Proposition 209, which bans California's public employment, contracting and education from using race, gender, ethnicity or national origin for consideration, therefore allowing these institutions to use affirmative action. Supporters and opponents have split perspectives on the effects of SCA-5, indicating a rift in opinions of affirmative action. Overall, both sides have distinct ideas of equal opportunity.

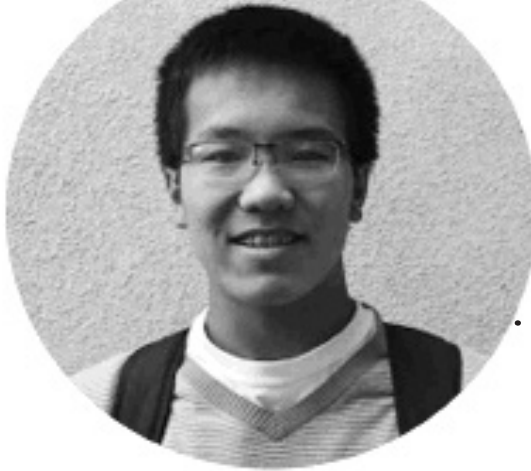
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"It is important to ensure racial diversity in college, so it is logical that race is considered in applications. However, it is also unfair that a decision be made based solely on race. Colleges may reject very capable and diligent students that deserve to be there."

JEFFREY LEE, Senior



"It's a bad idea to consider race when admitting students into college because college admission should only be based on [students'] academic career, skills, and interests rather than because they are a certain ethnicity."

"[...] the bill is making people believe that our race will more likely determine our acceptance into a school rather than our hard work and efforts put into our overall high school performance. Doesn't it also destroy the "American Dream"? Some families have given up almost everything to come to the U.S. so their child can have a better education [...], but it would be in vain if the bill passes and limits their chance of acceptance based on their ethnicity."

KESIA ENG, Sophomore

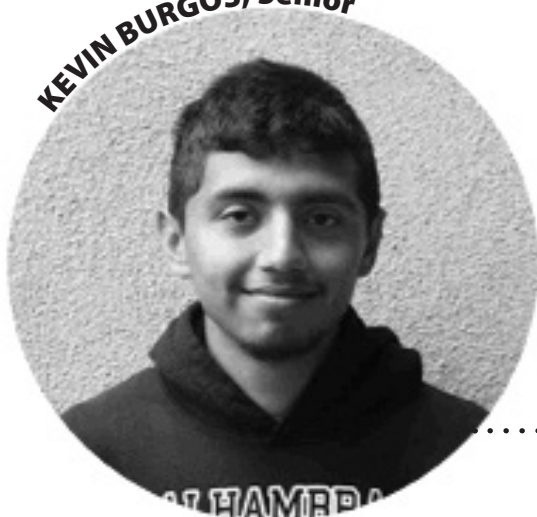


"I disagree because [colleges] shouldn't just look at ethnicities to accept people. [They] should be looking at [...] whether or not they were involved in school activities. It would be much more fair that way."

MIRIAM SIMON, Freshman



KEVIN BURGOS, Senior



"It puts people at a disadvantage because if a school has a surplus of a certain ethnicity then the chances that ethnicity getting into that school is lowered compared to a different ethnicity that the college wants despite the effort put in from both ethnicities."

SHEKINA MEDALLA, Freshman



"I disagree with this proposal because it isn't [...] equitable [when] specific races apply more than [others], [but] their chances of being accepted are dissimilar. By dividing these races, [this proposal is] taking away the equal rights individuals were promised."

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