Whereas, the designation of African American and Black has been expanded to include any person who immigrated from Africa or Caribbean countries and obtained American citizenship at any point in recent history; and

Whereas, since 2003 the United States Supreme Court, ruled the definition of "Black" included every person who identifies as Black on a census form including people who check the box for Black and any other racial or ethnic category such as white, Asian, and Hispanic or Latino, which the federal government considers to be an ethnicity that can be of any race; and

Whereas, anyone Black or White who was born in Africa, immigrated to the United States, and legally becomes an American citizen is considered an African American (i.e., Elon Musk); and

Whereas, the number of immigrants entering the United States legally rose from 3.3 million in the 1960s to a record 7.3 million in the 1980s; and during the 1990s, some 900,000 Black immigrants came from the Caribbean; another 400,000 came from Africa; still many others came from Europe, Pacific Rim, Arab and Asian countries; and

Whereas, today, nearly one in ten Black Americans is an immigrant or the child of an immigrant in the United States; and

Whereas, the “Intelligent” survey found 34 percent of white students who applied to colleges and universities falsely claimed they were a racial minority on their application; 81 percent of students who faked minority status did so to improve their chances of getting accepted and 50 percent did it to get minority-focused financial aid; and

Whereas, the “Intelligent” survey found that 3 in 4, or 77 percent, of white applicants who faked minority status on their applications were accepted to those colleges; and

Whereas, Descendants of Enslaved Africans in America are the only people in U.S. history classified as nonhuman and property, to undergo chattel slavery, and to be deemed by the U.S. constitution 3/5 of a human, according to the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments; and

Whereas, the Descendants of Enslaved Africans in America are the only people for whom it was illegal to attend school or learn how to read and write in the United States; and

Whereas, it is important to disaggregate data to make sure everyone is recognized and that the data influencing policies, programs, and solutions is accurate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association work with appropriate organizations including, but not limited to, the Association of American Medical Colleges to adopt and define the term Descendants of Enslaved Africans in America and separate if from the generic terms African American and Black in glossaries and on medical school applications. (Directive to Take Action)
Fiscal Note: Moderate - between $5,000 - $10,000

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Evidence of the invention of Race as a Matter of Politics and Not Science


Definition of African American(s)

1. African Americans are an ethnic group consisting of Americans with partial or total ancestry from sub-Saharan Africa. The term “African American” generally denotes descendants of enslaved Africans who are from the United States (Ref)

2. The glossary that is available on the AAMC FACTS website, as well as the FACTS tables that display the full race/ethnicity response options does not include DOESA; FACTS Glossary: https://www.aamc.org/data-reports/students-residents/interactive-data/facts-glossary Example FACTS Table with response options: https://www.aamc.org/media/6046/download?attachment

3. AAMC DATA FACTS TABLE 12-A of the freshman class acceptees for medical schools in the United States in 2021: 456 African Americans, who are not distinguished as immigrant or non-immigrant; 203 individuals indicating more than 1 Black or African American response, which implies an immigrant status or admixture; 33 “other Black or African American” which implies immigrant status.

RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Racism as a Public Health Threat H-65.952

1. Our AMA acknowledges that, although the primary drivers of racial health inequity are systemic and structural racism, racism and unconscious bias within medical research and health care delivery have caused and continue to cause harm to marginalized communities and society as a whole.

2. Our AMA recognizes racism, in its systemic, cultural, interpersonal, and other forms, as a serious threat to public health, to the advancement of health equity, and a barrier to appropriate medical care.
3. Our AMA encourages the development, implementation, and evaluation of undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education programs and curricula that engender greater understanding of: (a) the causes, influences, and effects of systemic, cultural, institutional, and interpersonal racism; and (b) how to prevent and ameliorate the health effects of racism.

4. Our AMA: (a) supports the development of policy to combat racism and its effects; and (b) encourages governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations to increase funding for research into the epidemiology of risks and damages related to racism and how to prevent or repair them.

5. Our AMA will work to prevent and combat the influences of racism and bias in innovative health technologies.