

Anti-Racism and Inclusion Journal Club:
Milliken v. Bradley, centered on the issue of School
Segregation and Busing

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Discussion 1 (1-2 minutes)

Briefly introduce yourself! How many journal club meetings you have been to so far?

Discussion 2 (10 minutes)

In defense of the Supreme Court’s ruling, Justice Saxton states “You will search this record in vain to find . . . evidentiary material that any suburban school district committed any act of segregation, either by itself in complicity with the state or complicity with anyone . . . ” The state claimed they were being punished for something they did not do. Discuss how nationwide support for the decision and its reasoning is a fundamental example of complacency with systemic racism?

Discussion 3 (10 minutes)

In the episode, Nathaniel Jones of the NAACP posits that “the educational landscape in this country would have been changed dramatically if the Milliken case had been decided differently”. Discuss how the Supreme Court decision systemically impacted the educational and socioeconomic outcomes of Black people around the U.S. today, 50 years later.

Discussion 4 (10 minutes)

Discuss how this decision has affected the communities surrounding Orange County as well as UC Irvine's demographics. What are actions UC Irvine can take to help its community and mitigate the marginalization the supreme court decision produced?