



# Multicultural Education and Equity Awareness Quiz

(Are you being misled?)

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Please circle the correct answer for each question. We will discuss the answers when everyone has completed the quiz.

1. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the majority of poor children live in:
  - a. urban areas
  - b. suburban areas
  - c. rural areas
  
2. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice, between 1995 and 2001, the percentage of students reporting that they had been a victim of a violent crime in school:
  - a. increased from 6% to 18%
  - b. increased from 18% to 30%
  - c. decreased from 25% to 3%
  - d. decreased from 10% to 6%
  
3. What percentage of U.S. toxic waste dumps that do not comply with Environmental Protection Agency regulations are found in predominantly African American or Latino communities?
  - a. 10%
  - b. 50%
  - c. 75%
  - d. 90%
  
4. Which of the following variables most closely predicts how high someone will score on the SAT test?
  - a. Race
  - b. Region of residence
  - c. Family income
  - d. Parents' academic achievement

5. In a national study of college students, 27.5% of women reported that they had been the victim of a rape or attempted rape since the age of 14. What percentage of these rapes or attempted rapes was reported to police?

- a. 5%
- b. 20%
- c. 35%
- d. 50%

6. The U.S. military budget is by far the highest of any country in the world. By 2003, the U.S. military budget was roughly equal to that of:

- a. the next 5 countries combined
- b. the next 10 countries combined
- c. the next 15 countries combined
- d. the next 20 countries combined

7. How many of every thousand senior level male managers of Fortune 1000 companies are Asian or Asian American?

- a. 3
- b. 47
- c. 99
- d. 153

8. According to a Business Week study of 3,664 business school graduates, how much more, on average, does a man with an MBA from one of the top 20 business schools in the U.S. make during the first year after graduation than a woman in the same situation?

- a. About \$1,500 more
- b. About \$3,000 more
- c. About \$6,500 more
- d. About \$10,000 more

9. The two richest people in the U.S. own more personal assets than:

- a. the 10 poorest countries combined
- b. the 25 poorest countries combined
- c. the 40 poorest countries combined
- d. the 60 poorest countries combined

10. Compared with schools in which 5% or less of the students are people of color, how likely are schools in which 50% or more of the students are people of color to be over-crowded (25% or more beyond capacity)?

- a. equally as likely
- b. twice as likely
- c. four times as likely
- d. six times as likely

11. Powder cocaine (largely used by wealthy white people) and crack cocaine (largely used by economically disadvantaged Latino and African American people) contain roughly the same amount of the drug per gram. How much of these substances must an individual be convicted of possessing to be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of five years in prison?

- a. 500 grams of powder or crack cocaine
- b. 50 grams of powder or 5 grams of crack cocaine
- c. 500 grams of powder or 5 grams of crack cocaine
- d. 5 grams of powder or crack cocaine

12. Children raised by single mothers attain, on average:

- a. 4 fewer years of education than children raised by two parents
- b. 2 fewer years of education than children raised by two parents
- c. the same level of education as children raised by two parents
- d. 2 more years of education than children raised by two parents

13. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, how many millionaires are there in the U.S.?

- a. roughly 3,500,000
- b. roughly 1,000,000
- c. roughly 500,000
- d. roughly 150,000

14. According to the Public Citizens Health Research Group, what percent of U.S. jails and prisons routinely hold people with a mental illness without any criminal charges?

- a. 13%
- b. 27%
- c. 45%
- d. 99%

15. 97% of all students in public high schools regularly hear homophobic comments from peers. What percentage report hearing homophobic remarks from school staff or faculty?

- a. 5%
- b. 27%
- c. 53%
- d. 74%

16. What percentage of the world population regularly accesses the Internet?

- a. 2%
- b. 15%
- c. 29%
- d. 51%

17. In 1999 the average U.S. worker earned \$26,105. This represents what percentage of the average CEO salary that year?

- a. 0.21%
- b. 1%
- c. 6%
- d. 17%

18. According to the U.S. Department of Education, about 61% of public school students in the U.S. are white. What percentage of public school teachers are white?

- a. 61%
- b. 73%
- c. 87%
- d. 99%

19. According to the National Survey of America's Families, how much more likely are non-elderly Hispanic adults to be without any health insurance than non-elderly white adults?

- a. twice as likely
- b. three times as likely
- c. four times as likely
- d. five times as likely

20. What percentage of the U.S. Government budget goes to welfare and Social Security?

- a. 25% to welfare and 25% to Social Security
- b. less than 1% to welfare and 20% to Social Security
- c. 20% to welfare and 1% to Social Security
- d. less than 1% to welfare and less than 1% to Social Security

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