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Affirmative action has served as a tool to shift and strengthen power for students of color who have been historically denied access to quality education. The Supreme Court's decision to restrict affirmative action is a devastating blow to decades of progress in the movement for racial equity and social justice.

In her dissent to the court's majority 6-3 opinion, Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote that the court was "further entrenching racial inequality in education, the very foundation of our democratic government and pluralistic society."

There's broad evidence to prove this. States that have eliminated affirmative action have seen consistent declines in admission and enrollment of BIPOC students. This affects not just students of color, but students of all backgrounds who benefit from a diverse student body.

Sotomayor emphasized that the majority's decision had rolled "back decades of precedent and momentous progress" and "cement[ed] a superficial rule of colorblindness as a constitutional principle in an endemically segregated society."

As fierce defenders of racial equity and social justice, Tides will continue to partner with movement leaders of frontline organizations to dismantle these types of systemic barriers that rob Black and Brown communities the opportunity to thrive. [#affirmativeaction](#) [#supremecourt](#) [#education](#)