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"The best that can be said of the majority's perspective is that it proceeds (ostrich-like) from the hope that preventing consideration of race will end racism. But if that is its motivation, the majority proceeds in vain." Ketanji Brown Jackson

Like many of you, I've been reflecting on the Supreme Court's majority opinion on affirmative action in college admissions this week and the powerful dissents from Justices Ketanji Brown Jackson and Sonia Sotomayor that followed. Our work at @MeyerFoundation celebrates our shared humanity and operates under a vision for a future where everyone belongs and thrives. The very existence of our work and that of our grantee partners originates from a history of institutional and structural racism in our society at the hands of those who proved incapable of disregarding race. Race neutrality did not get us here, and it won't move us forward. The legacy of discrimination is indeed strong. But as we've had to witness time and time again, the legacy of resilience and resolve of Black, indigenous, and other communities of color to fight the structures erected to oppress is much stronger. Today, I'm reflecting deeply on all the ways our community and grantee partners continue to show up and recommit to fighting the harms of racism and of so-called race neutrality by those who commit to keeping their heads buried in the sand. We will continue to support the work of our partners toward our shared vision for a community in which systemic racism and its consequences no longer exist and everyone belongs and thrives.

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Read the dissents in the Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action
Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson each wrote dissents in the court's decision against race-conscious admissions practices in higher education.



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