Response to Tech Article

I don't believe color blindness in society is what we should strive to achieve. I believe we should embrace such cultures and diversity of the melting pot that America is. However, I don't believe that race- based affirmative action is a way to do that. By giving special treatment to minorities and women and placing quotas as to how many people of a certain type we can have, we are acknowledging that one race is more underprivileged than another, thereby affirming racial discrimination. The correct way to give equal opportunity to all types of people is through socioeconomic affirmative action, in which the candidates' backgrounds are taken into account. By acknowledging the resources and opportunities, or lack of such, into account of their academic performance and merit, we can access whether the student has been able to use their backgrounds to their full potential.

On another note, the idea that affirmative action gives spots in a job or university to minorities over the white or Asian male is a bit arrogant and silly. The neighborhood and high school I went to were primarily Hispanics and African Americans. The majority of our high school graduates went to Cal States, community colleges, and small state schools. And fitting the racial stereotype, the few Asians that attended my school were accepted into private universities or higher ranked schools. However, when I came to MIT, I threw all racial stereotypes aside. Never once did I look at a Hispanic or African American at MIT and think lower of them based on the environment I grew up in at home. Instead, I respect and acknowledge

their excellence, and accept that they deserve to be here, just like every other admitted student.

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