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From page one, Hirsch and racism

87% of Russians and 98% of American Negroes were feeble-minded. Hirsch argued that restrictive immigration laws, opposition to equal rights, opposition to special educational

programs for black children have been justified by such theories.

The speaker said that the basic elements of the theory of black genetic inferiority were outlined by Jensen in a 1969 article that was published in the Harvard Educational Review and was read into the Congressional Record by an Indiana Congressman who is a member of the KKK.

Hirsch said the publication of this article spurred research from opponents. He maintained that most of the primary sources for Jensen's work showed racial bias and was not based on the scientific method. "Many educators and others have little faith in the IQ tests as a measure of intelligence. Education, diet, and living conditions all can substantially influence IQ scores." Hirsch's soon-to-be-published book apparently argues that 10-30% of the children of the families studied by Jensen were not biologically related to their parents, who supposedly transmitted their IQ's to their children. Others have claimed that even the statistics and algebra were faulty.

Among the scientific organizations that have rejected Jensen's ideas are the Eastern Psychological Assoc., Linguistics Society, American Anthropological Assoc. and most recently the Genetics Society of America.

Hirsch stressed the importance of using scientific argument to expose the theories of Jensen and Shockley as false and racist. "Jensen can't be defeated simply by denouncing it as racist or preventing its advocates from speaking."



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