Disaggregating the Achievement Gap: Academic Dissonance Between U.S.-Born Blacks and Black Immigrants

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Purpose

How do segregation & historical literacy affect the achievement gap within the Black student population?
CPS Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) scores

Grades three through eight

**READING**

- White: 216.3
- African-American: 234.0
- Gap: 17.7
- 2009: 234.0

**MATH**

- 2009: 248.7
- Gap: 23.5
- 2009: 225.2

Years: 1990, '95, 2000, '05, '09
African immigrant students typically outperform African American students in school.

### School completion (men) %

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<th>whites</th>
<th>black immi.</th>
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<td>30.46</td>
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Data: Alison Rauh (2014)
Segregation

* Residential segregation
* Socioeconomic status
How can a student’s perception of his/her cultural history lead to...

* Stigma consciousness?
* Stereotype threat?
“Where were they when we worked the farms, had the letter S branded on our foreheads, denied the right to speech, vote, and decent life?”

“America wants me to repudiate my culture and assume the culture of the African American. If you ask me, that’s no culture at all.”
“We are not makers of history.
We are made by history.”
-Martin Luther King, Jr.
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