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Abstract

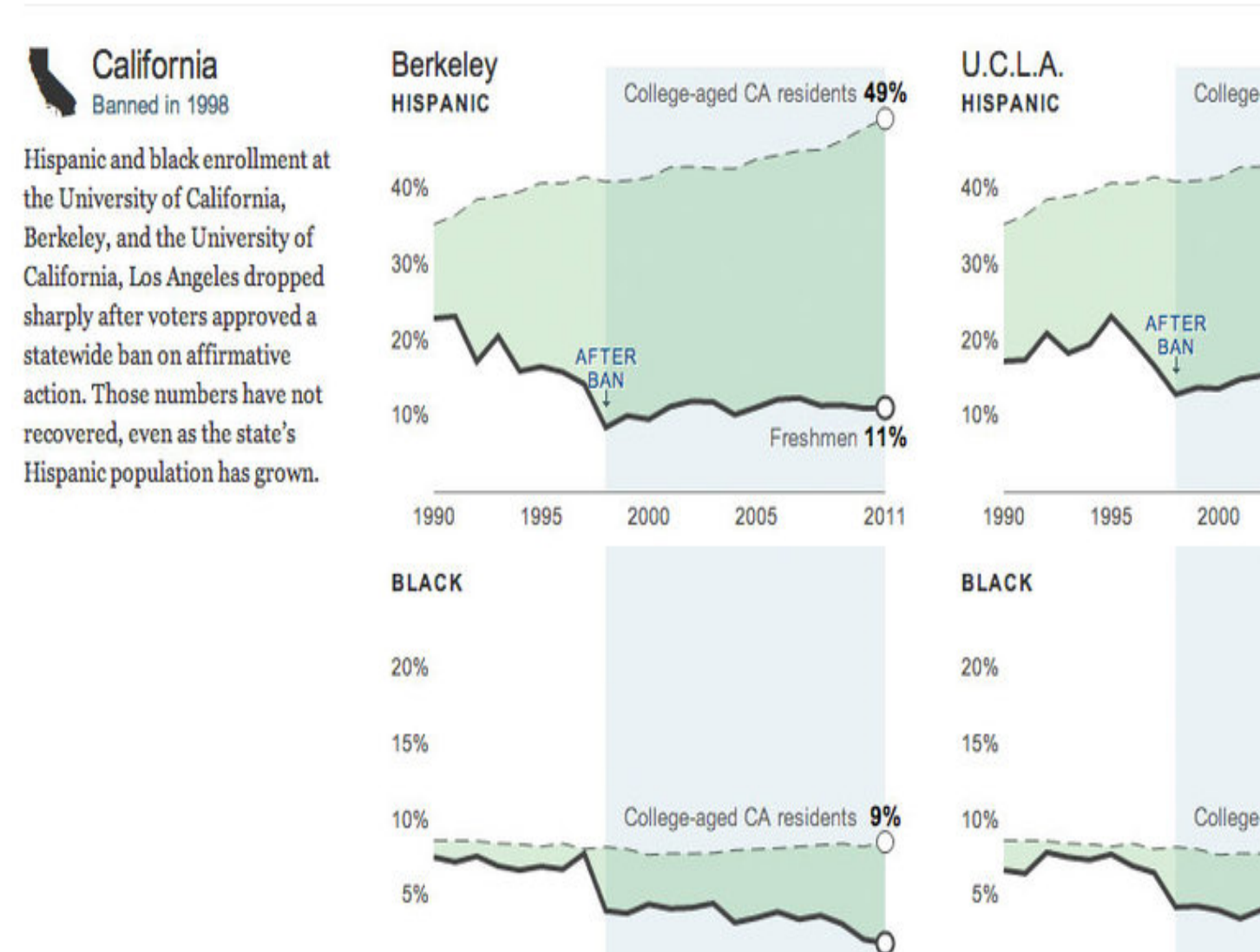
Eight states have banned Affirmative Action due to the premise that preferential treatment of race in a college application is not fair to all students. The elimination of Affirmative Action policies has caused a significant decline in diversity at major public universities. To counteract this ban, many post-secondary institutions have implemented alternate plans to maintain their diversity. Consequently, Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) have experienced a resurgence in their admissions.

Key Points

- 1965-Lyndon B. Johnson formed the EEOC
- 1978-The Regents of California v. Blakke
- In 1971 90.9% of college graduates were white
 - 0.06% Hispanic
 - 7.5% Black
- By 2006 ~75% white
 - 7.3% Hispanic
 - Peaked at 12.5% in 1970's, stalled to 10.5% Black
- Many universities saw a decline
 - Rice university saw 46% decline in Black, 2% decline in Hispanics
 - UC-Berkley minority population fell 61%
- HBCU's graduate over half Black grads and over 90% receive PhDs from HBCU's
- Many states adopted alternatives methods to Affirmative Action such as Texas's "Top 10%" plan

Conclusion

There has been a noticeable decline in minority enrollment in many post-secondary institutions across the nation, particularly Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs). Trends show that many of top minority students are inclined to attend HBCU's over PWIs. Flagship universities have created alternative methods to restore and uphold their diversity. However in order to truly increase the enrollment of minorities, disparity in primary and secondary education needs to be thoroughly addressed.



Affirmative Action Bans in the U.S.

YEAR	STATE	METHOD
2012	Oklahoma	Legislatively referred constitutional amendment
2011	New Hampshire	Statute
2010	Arizona	Initiative constitutional amendment
2008	Colorado	Failed Initiative constitutional amendment
2008	Nebraska	Initiative constitutional amendment
2006	Michigan	Initiative constitutional amendment
1999	Florida	Executive order by governor
1998	Washington	Initiative statute
1996	California	Initiative constitutional amendment

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