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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Civil Action No: 1:14-cv-14176-ADB

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STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS,  
INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF  
HARVARD COLLEGE  
(HARVARD CORPORATION),

Defendant.

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF  
DAVID CARD, Ph.D.  
Washington, DC  
April 27, 2018  
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2 believe would be important in  
3 assigning the personal rating that  
4 is missing from Professor  
5 Arcidiacono's personal rating model  
6 and is also missing from our --  
7 from the database entirely.

8 So there is not much we can do  
9 about that.

10 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

11 Q. And is it your assumption that  
12 if we had that information, it would  
13 close the gap in the personal rating  
14 between Asians and whites?

15 MS. ELLSWORTH: Object to the  
16 form.

17 THE WITNESS: I don't have  
18 direct evidence on that. What I do  
19 know is that the personal rating  
20 assigned to whites is higher than  
21 the personal rating assigned to  
22 Asians, conditional on the observed  
23 factors. And so one of the  
24 conjectures would be that that  
25 might be part of the story.

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2 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

3 Q. But it could also be because  
4 of racial bias?

5 MS. ELLSWORTH: Object to the  
6 form.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, I can't  
8 actually rule that out.

9 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

10 Q. Can you come up with a logical  
11 explanation as to why the essays would  
12 explain that difference?

13 MS. ELLSWORTH: Objection.

14 THE WITNESS: No. I haven't  
15 really given any thought to that.  
16 I -- it's pretty standard in this  
17 kind of statistical analysis to  
18 have unobserved components and to  
19 be carefully thinking about what  
20 exactly is missing and how that  
21 could potentially play a role, but  
22 it's -- in my experience it isn't  
23 always useful to speculate much  
24 more beyond that, just other than  
25 to notice that there are lots of

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2 unobserved factors.

3 In the personal rating case  
4 because the explanatory power is so  
5 limited, it seems like that role  
6 could be particularly important.

7 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

8 Q. And -- and I guess I am just  
9 trying to understand. Do you think that  
10 if you had the essays, it would further  
11 explain the gap between Asians and whites  
12 in a way that racial bias would not  
13 explain that gap?

14 MS. ELLSWORTH: Objection.

15 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't  
16 know how you would actually do that  
17 exercise. When you say if I had  
18 the personal essay, it seems to  
19 imply that somehow you could use --  
20 put the personal essay in the  
21 logistic regression model.

22 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

23 Q. Well, your assumption is that  
24 that's what Harvard is seeing that you  
25 are not seeing that explains this

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2 disparity, right?

3 MS. ELLSWORTH: Objection.

4 THE WITNESS: I am giving that  
5 as an example of one piece of  
6 information that Harvard is seeing  
7 that I'm not seeing. And it is a  
8 very complicated piece of  
9 information.

10 It has writing quality. It  
11 has some characteristics that the  
12 student wants to bring to the  
13 attention to the committee. It has  
14 maybe an element of creativity that  
15 allows the committee to judge how  
16 creative this person is. So it's a  
17 multi -- even that alone is  
18 multi-dimensional.

19 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

20 Q. But do you think it is  
21 reasonable to assume that the Asian  
22 applicants are -- are not as strong on  
23 those factors as the white applicants and  
24 that if we had the essays, we would be  
25 able to determine that?

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2 MS. ELLSWORTH: Object to the  
3 form.

4 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm not  
5 aware of any way to quantify  
6 something like the personal essay  
7 and make it into a representation.

8 I think that would be beyond  
9 the limits of what currently is  
10 possible in -- in text analysis and  
11 data analysis at this stage.

12 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

13 Q. Does your report conclude that  
14 Asian applicants in general are less  
15 multi-dimensional than white applicants?

16 A. I concluded that Asian  
17 applicants are less likely to have, for  
18 example, three 2's and a 3, that kind of  
19 a characterization, in the -- in these  
20 four profile ratings.

21 Q. And that's what you deem as  
22 multi-dimensional, correct?

23 A. Well, one could imagine  
24 multi-dimensional including even more  
25 categories than that. For example,

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2 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to wit:  
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4 I, Karen K. Brynteson, the  
5 officer before whom the foregoing  
6 deposition was taken, do hereby certify  
7 that the within-named witness  
8 personally appeared before me at the  
9 time and place herein set out, and  
10 after having been duly sworn by me,  
11 according to law, was examined by  
12 counsel.  
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14 I further certify that the  
15 examination was recorded  
16 stenographically by me and this  
17 transcript is a true record of the  
18 proceedings.  
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20 I further certify that I am  
21 not of counsel to any of the parties,  
22 nor an employee of counsel, nor related  
23 to any of the parties, nor in any way  
24 interested in the outcome of this  
25 action.

As witness my hand and  
notarial seal this 9th day of May,  
2018.

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KAREN K. BRYNTESON  
Notary Public

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