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Does Racial Physical and Verbal violence Amount to a Deprivation of Equal Educational Opportunity

General policies that are designed to protect citizens generally fail to provide the same level of protection for African Americans. In fact, it might be more accurate to say that policies and practices in the general population do more to seek out and punish African Americans rather than protect them. Consider how African American men are disproportionally profiled, charged, and more frequently than Whites killed at the hands of police. Hence, like many aspects of society, there are some real and troubling parallels to this conjecture that happen in schools. These parallels diminish and deprive the rights of Black (African American) students and really hinder the quest for an equitable educational opportunity. This paper offers two very powerful cases to better explain this concept (*Williams v. Port Huron*, 2012). These instances, taken straight from contemporary case law, represent subtle but no less present clashes between “white innocence” and “black guilt”, even when Blacks happen to be the victims.

References

Williams v. Port Huron Sch. Dist., 455 Fed. Appx. 612 (6th Cir. 2012).