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Race and Iq

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Abstract

Ashley Montagu, who first attacked the term "race" as a usable concept in his acclaimed work, *Man's Most Dangerous Myth*, offers here a devastating rebuttal to those who would claim any link between race and intelligence. In now classic essays, this thought-provoking volume critically examines the terms "race" and "IQ" and their applications in scientific discourse. The twenty-four contributors--including such eminent thinkers as Stephen Jay Gould, Richard Lewontin, Urie Bronfenbrenner, W.F. Bodmer, and Jerome Kagan--draw on fields that range from biology and genetics to psychology, anthropology, and education. What emerges in piece after piece is a deep skepticism about the scientific validity of intelligence tests, especially as applied to evaluating innate intelligence, if only because scientists still cannot distinguish between genetic and environmental contributions to the development of the human mind. Five new essays have been included that specifically address the claims made in the recent, highly controversial book, *The Bell Curve*. Must reading for anyone interested in racism and education in America, *Race and IQ* is a brilliantly lucid exploration of the boundary line between race and intelligence.

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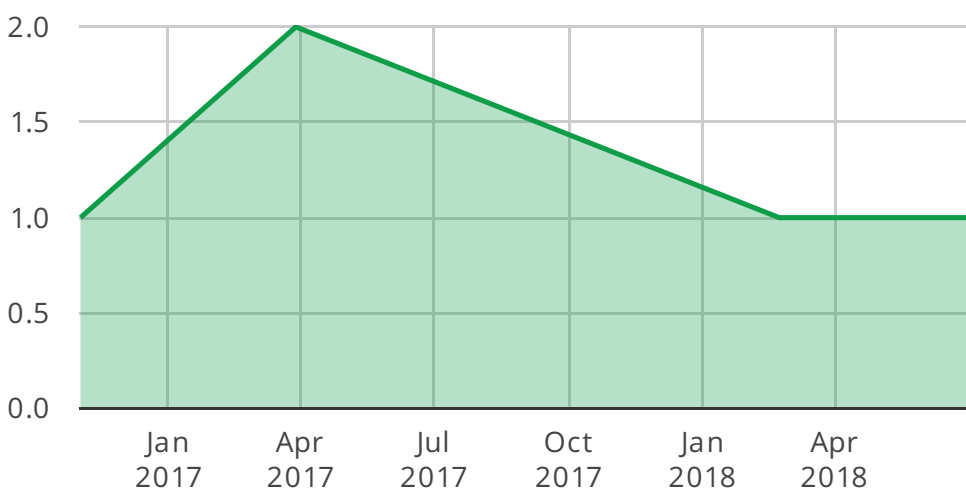
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