## A night at the School Board

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In general, blacks are far and away the world's worst racists, and they particularly hate and resent Asians: That's because Asians make them look very bad in comparison. I learned this one night in 1990 on the *St. Louis School Board*, when there was an award presentation honoring a student from the *St. Louis Public Schools* (SLPS.)

A young man of Vietnamese ancestry was awarded the *Saint Louis Science Fair's* prestigious *Top Honor* (or *Gold Medal*?) which included a large academic scholarship. The actual recipient was absent because he had already begun attending *Stanford University* on a full scholarship to study engineering or applied sciences. His beaming parents couldn't hide their pride as they accepted the award on his behalf.

30 years ago, the *Science Fair* was a big deal in St. Louis because of the participation of *Washington University* and *St. Louis University*, in addition to *Monsanto* and other research centers. There is only one *Gold Medal* awarded each year, and this SLPS student was being honored for an original software program he had written.

The Honoree's parents had escaped from Viet Nam as "boat people" immediately after Saigon fell to the communists in 1975. Like most, they escaped with little but the clothes on their backs.

When the accomplishments of this young man were described, we whites on the School Board instantly engaged in enthusiastic applause. However, I couldn't help noticing the blacks in the room were

extremely reserved in their applause and seemed to *pantomime* the act of clapping. They also appeared noticeably bored by the whole thing.

This surprised me, because the *St. Louis Public Schools* were always presenting awards to black students for successfully learning to tie their shoes by the 10th Grade or learning the Alphabet by their Senior Year. Winning the *St. Louis Science Fair* was an extremely rare example of **GENUINE ACCOMPLISHMENT** and should have been the occasion for sincere and sustained celebration.

While blacks reflexively dust-off chattel slavery to excuse their abysmal lack of academic achievement, this kid's parents had experienced profound hardships that no black in 155 years or more had ever experienced. The studious nature and tenacity of most Asians make blacks look very bad in contrast, and the blacks know it.

Many Asian immigrants arrive here with far fewer advantages and resources than blacks -- and often not speaking English -- but by virtue of hard work and scholarship, they frequently excel. That's why most blacks hate and resent Asians.

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