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Letters to the Editor
Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Square
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Dear Sir:

The Supreme Court's decision on affirmative action, and the Times' endorsement of it, comes as a shock. Our society has always believed in the rights of the individual. Nowhere do I see a word of sympathy for the better qualified man who was made the sacrificial lamb, an act of public repentance and breast-beating for past discrimination against women.

If we are indeed intent upon redressing past discrimination, then pure logic dictates that we go all the way down the line. To accomplish this would require that for at least the next 20 or 30 years all available jobs be given to American-Indian and black women, even in those instances where men have higher qualifications. This affirmative action would be meaningless unless it extends across the entire spectrum, from surgeons and physicians of every kind to flight controllers, scientists, including atomic ones, airline pilots, sea-going captains, astronauts and politicians.

Once you start tampering with individual justice, you are in bad shape.

Yours sincerely,

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