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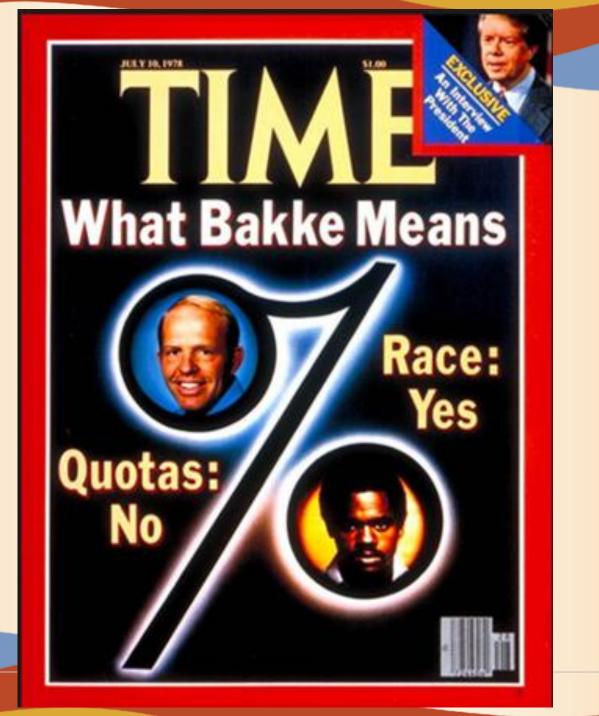
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Demonstrators for and against the U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down race-conscious student admissions programs at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina confront each other, in Washington, U.S., June 29, 2023. Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters/File

(CNN) — Diversity, equity and inclusion programs have come under attack in boardrooms, state legislatures and college campuses across the country.



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- Prohibits school districts, colleges and universities from hiring woke CRT consultants.

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Protects employees against a hostile work environment due to critical race theory training.

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