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### **SCIENTIFIC STUDY FINDS LA RAZA STUDENTS DO NOT PERFORM BETTER ON AIMS THAN OTHER HISPANIC STUDENTS**

**(PHOENIX)** -- The Department of Education today released a scientific study showing that La Raza students at Tucson Unified School District do not do better on the AIMS test than other Hispanic Students. This study was prompted by unscientific claims by the Ethnic Studies department that their students are doing better.

Horne stated: “It has become an urban myth in Tucson that Ethnic Studies students do better than other Hispanic students on the AIMS test. This urban myth was promulgated by unscientific data released from the Ethnic Studies department. In my view, nothing justifies the immorality of separating students by race and teaching them separately with curriculum that promotes ethnic chauvinism. However, this scientific study establishes that differences between Ethnic study students and other Hispanic students “are not statistically significant” and that there is “no statistical or practical difference between the groups.”

A copy of the study is attached.

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