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The Tanser Study

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We have been told that the reason that Blacks do not perform as well as Whites and Asians in school is due to "White racism" or a poor family environment, or poverty, or some other external, environmental reason. Well, we can never solve the racial problems in our schools or our society if we do not understand them, and this environmental theory of intelligence is a complete misunderstanding. It has been conclusively demonstrated that racial differences in academic performance are due mainly to heredity, not environment. One of the more interesting proofs of this is a Canadian study called the Tanser Study.

Before the Civil War in the United States there was a system by which escaped slaves were smuggled to the North. The system was called the underground railroad. I am sure you have heard of it. Now some of the people who operated the underground railroad felt it best and safest to get the freed Blacks out of the United States entirely, and so sent them up into Canada. Many of these Blacks settled around a town called Chatham, in Kent County, Ontario.

In 1939, Dr. H. A. Tanser, the superintendent of schools for Chatham, decided to do, as his doctoral thesis, a comparison of the intellectual performance of the Black students of Kent County with the performance of the Black students of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The study became a classic. Would you believe, Dr. Tanser found that the Blacks of Kent County were as far behind the Whites of Kent County as the Blacks of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana were behind the Whites of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. After one hundred years there was no improvement in spite of integration. The question has to be asked, if the intellectual inferiority of the Black is demonstrably not a product of environment, and you claim it is not genetic, then what does cause that inferiority? Inferiority it is, beyond any question, and the educational establishment knows that, beyond any question, though the educational establishment today will never tell you about the Tanser study. Look it up. Its official title is Kent County Negroes, 1939, it was published in Chatham, Ontario, Canada and the author is H. A. Tanser, T-A-N-S-E-R.

Since the Tanser study, there have been numerous other studies. May I suggest the fine book, *Black Intelligence in White Society*, available for \$7.50 postpaid through National Vanguard Books, as a starting place for reviewing the literature on this subject.

The results have never differed. The question is, why are we not told these facts in our newspapers, magazines, and television programs? These media constantly promote the

idea of racial equality, those this equality can nowhere be found in fact. If they are so sure they are right, why do they suppress public information on the Tanser study and other studies which show that racial difference in intelligence are inherited and largely immutable. The failure to discuss these studies along with any evidence to the contrary, whenever the race issue or "civil rights" are discussed, constitutes a gross violation of intellectual honesty and a lie by omission on the part of the media and our schools. The only weapons the integrationists have in their intellectual arsenal are bookburning, brainwashing and intimidation, that is all they have, they have nothing else, and they know it. If they have anything else, where is it?