

In the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, there was a study done, titled “A lesson in bias: The relationship between implicit racial bias and performance in pedagogical contexts” by three professors of Psychology who focused on racial diversity and inclusion. This is a pure scientific study that looks at teachers' implicit biases and their students' performance levels (breaking students down between African American and white). When teaching students of color, the biases tended to be higher from the teachers, in terms of heightened anxiety in their deliverance of the lessons. Also, the scores were a bit lower from these students when being taught in this environment, which leaves room for an argument that because of the teacher's bias, the students' performance was worse.

This study (and others like this that I may find in the future) will help me immensely. Going into education (and being a white male) this is something that weighs heavy on my mind at all times pretty much. I feel that I'm not biased towards certain groups or ethnicities at all, but how can I be certain? Would I have anxieties and diminished performance in the classroom depending on who I am teaching? It's very interesting to explore this idea further and I will look for more studies and articles that tackle this issue.

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