

Brown v. Board of Education

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Keyword Subject

Separate but Equal, Education

Facts

Segregation in public education, under separate-but-equal laws.
Brown challenged the constitutionality of segregation in public schools.

Procedural History

District court upheld segregation under *Plessy v. Ferguson*

Issue

Does segregation violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment?

Holding: Yes

Principle

Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal

Reasoning

Segregation generates a feeling of inferiority, harmful to education

Separate Opinions

Judges: Concurring opinions emphasized psychological harm