

## REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA v. BAKKE (1978)

1. Students should use the following resources to research and analyze the landmark court case of the Regents of the University of California Davis v. Bakke.

[http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/landmark\\_regents.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/landmark_regents.html)

<http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/view/regents-of-the-university-of-california-v-bakke>

<http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/full-text/regents-of-the-university-of-california-v-bakke>

2. Focus question:

- a. **Appraise the claim that the University of California at Davis special admissions program resulted in unconstitutional reverse discrimination.**

- While answering this question be sure to address the following things:

1. First what is affirmative action?
2. What was the case of REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA v. BAKKE about?
3. What was the decision handed down in this case and effects of it.
4. What are your thoughts about this ruling? Was it fair? Did Bakke have a legitimate case? What would your ruling be if you were the judge?
5. Discuss whether or not you believe affirmative action is a fair practice. What role does affirmative action play in society today?

This project should be done as a PowerPoint or Smart Board presentation consisting of a **minimum of 5 slides.**

- Slides should be used as a visual for class to see your main points (minimal words)
  - Must contain 2 pictures and 1 chart
  - A hard copy of project with you and your partners name must be printed in slide handout/3 slides per page view.
  - Presentation should be 3-5 minutes.
    - o Part of your presentation grade is defending your stance/respectfully debating other perspectives of this controversial topic
3. Groups should be talking notes on contrasting viewpoints and be ready for a class debate/discussion once presentations wrap up.