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In this volume, Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray, authors of the notorious *The Bell Curve* (Free Pr., 1994), are once again accused of specious methodology in their rationalization of a ("hoodoo") social science position that claims to validate an immutable genetic connection among low achievement, poverty, violent crime affecting an entire class of people (primarily African American), and I.Q. scores. The 44 contributors span a broad range of affiliation and focus. Similar to but more strident than those found in *The Bell Curve Wars: Race, Intelligence, and the Future of America* (LJ 4/15/94), these abundantly referenced essays criticize the validity of Herrnstein and Murray's thesis for use of questionable assumptions, reliance on racist scholars, rejection of contradictory evidence, and equation of correlation with cause. Part a product of an increasingly conservative society, part authors' bias, *The Bell Curve* is seen by the essayists as a seriously flawed, dangerous rearticulation of white supremacist/racist/class ideology. This thoughtful, readable anthology is highly recommended for academics, policy makers, and the general public. ?Suzanne W. Wood, SUNY Coll. of Technology, Alfred

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Review

"Measured Lies more than measures up, presenting a sound refutation of the faulty hype, and hidden political agenda that made *The Bell Curve* a media phenomenon." --*Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale)*

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