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Successes of Single-Gender New York Schools Overshadowing Opposition

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The Opponents

Opponents say that single-gender New York schools undercut the students' civil rights by denyi

Opponents also contend that such schools return New York schools education to the past, where

Even Sonia Ossorio, New York Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), believes su

The Supporters

Single-gender schools, however, address the unique needs of boys and girls. They offer familie

Students from the Harlem girls school say that their teachers push them more to do their best,

In year 2000, the National Coalition of Girls Schools studied 4,200 alumnae from an all-girls

- 93 percent · felt they were provided greater leadership opportunities during school,
- 91 percent · thought coursework was more relevant to their academic needs,
- 85 percent · received more encouragement in the areas of science, mathematics and tech
- 71 percent · were more prepared to transition to college than friends who attended coed
- 94 percent · had or were attending college, and
- 80 percent · held leadership positions since graduating from the school.

Additionally, the study found:

- They consistently scored as much as 20 percent higher on SAT tests, than both genders
- They majored in science and mathematics at a higher rate than both genders nationwide

The Successes

The New York schools can be proud of the accomplishments made by the Young Women's Leadership

Such success stories have sparked renewed interest in single-gender public education by the Ne

With recent changes in state and federal laws, there are now 42 single-gender public schools a

It seems the New York schools used progressive and innovation thinking by reaching into the pa

