



Brazil in Black and White

VOCABULARY

affirmative action: efforts to improve the opportunities of minority groups and women

cultural identity: belonging to a particular ethnic or cultural group

elite: a small group that is considered socially superior

"level the playing field": increase fairness by giving everyone the same opportunities

miscegenation: racially mixed marriages or relationships

mixed heritage: multiracial ancestry

quota: a limited part or proportional share that's been assigned to a group

self identify: how an person defines himself or herself in social or cultural terms

RESOURCES

Web Sites

Official site for the University of Brasilia, the first federal university in Brazil to adopt affirmative action programs.

www.unb.br/linguas/english/index.php

Report from UN mission to study racism in Brazil, October 2005.

www.universalhumanrightsindex.org/documents/832/777/document/fr/text.html

CIA World Factbook – Brazil

www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/br.html

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