

Justice Ketanji Jackson  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

CC: Justice Clarence Thomas

Dear Justice Jackson:

I am Dr. Ezekiel Nichols, a PhD economist and college professor. I am recently married to an African American woman and do research primarily on illegal drugs. I recently began looking into the death penalty, particularly into the probabilities of the proportion of African Americans on death row that would have occurred had the sample of those on death row been chosen at random from the population. The results are abysmal. Two-Thirds of the states that allow the death penalty have ridiculous odds that racism is involved in the application of the death penalty. I need to also disclose that I am friends with an African American on death row in Alabama, Jessie Livell Phillips, and along with my wife being African American, my opinion that a person's race should not be a factor in whether they are executed for a crime is bias. I am asking that you look at my statistics and take this into account in your decisions on the death penalty. Thank you for your time.

Blessings and Grace,

Dr. Ezekiel Nichols