

## Jason Richwine affair raises prickly policy issues on IQ

*The following is an editorial summary.*

Jason Richwine, the young conservative scholar who co-authored the Heritage Foundation report on the long-term \$6 trillion cost of the immigration reform bill has been fired by the Heritage Foundation after reports surfaced that his 2009 doctoral dissertation touched a third rail of public discourse: race and IQ. Richwine's controversial thesis: Intelligence tests fairly measure mental ability; The average IQ of Hispanic immigrants is well below that of white Americans; This difference is likely to persist. *American Conservative* publisher Ron Unz explains why he believes Richwine's thesis conclusions are wrong ... but why this purge reflects poorly on our country and our ability to discuss prickly policy issues.

**View the full story here:** [Race/IQ: The Jason Richwine Affair](#)

### **Additional Resources:**

- "Heritage Was Wrong," National Review Online
- "[Conservative Immigration Scholar: Black and Hispanic Immigrants Are Dumber Than European Immigrants](#)," Mother Jones