Ethnic segregation in Arizona charter schools
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Abstract
Among the criticisms of charter schools is their potential to further stratify schools along ethnic and class lines. This study addressed whether Arizona charter schools are more ethnically segregated than traditional public schools. In 1996-97, Arizona had nearly one in four of all charter schools in the United States. The analysis involved a series of comparisons between the ethnic compositions of adjacent charter and public schools in Arizona’s most populated region and its rural towns. This methodology differed from the approach of many evaluations of charter schools and ethnic stratification in that it incorporated the use of geographic maps to compare schools’ ethnic make-ups. The ethnic compositions of 55 urban and 57 rural charter schools were inspected relative to their traditional public school neighbors.

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Discussion

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Ethnic segregation in Arizona charter schools. Education Policy Analysis Archives, 7 (1). This journal article is about charter schools and the ethnic segregation compared to local public schools in Arizona. I chose this article because of my interest in the private charter school vouchers in the political arena and as an Oregon public educator. This article only reinforced my beliefs on the vouchers for charter schools. Many families that couldn't otherwise afford to educate their children in the private sector are able to with the charter school enactment in Arizona as is in many other Secondary schools judged inadequate by the watchdog Ofsted tended to be more ethnically segregated, according to the report’s calculations, while outstanding schools were more likely to have a representative mix of pupils. Grammar schools were severely segregated by social background. Cantle said: “We know that contact between groups improves tolerance and breaks down prejudice – and will even contribute to tackling extremism. But we appear to be going in the opposite direction. The Casey review highlighted a number of issues around levels of ethnic segregation in school intakes in some areas of the country. The government is considering the review and its recommendations, and will respond in due course.” Topics.