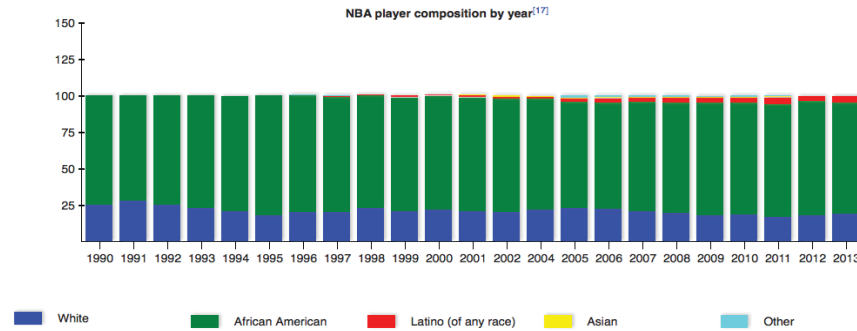


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## Introduction

How have African American participation patterns changed in professional basketball over the years? Within the recent decade, African Americans have composed majority of the NBA teams. However, throughout the years, African Americans participation in basketball has increased dramatically, while facing many obstacles to get where they are today. We will discuss how African Americans have become such a dominant force in professional basketball.

## NBA Player Composition Chart



## Findings

From this chart we found that during 1990-2013 African Americans continue to dominate the NBA while other races, such as White, Latin and Asian have weaker representation.

## Conclusions

From our findings, one can conclude that African Americans have almost completely taken over professional basketball. Out of all the races who participate in professional basketball, African Americans are almost 70% of the players that participate. One can conclude that today African American professional basketball players are not oppressed anymore, but they are actually living privileged lives.

## Methods & Materials

### Materials

- NBA Composition Chart 1990-2013
- NBA Distribution Chart 2014

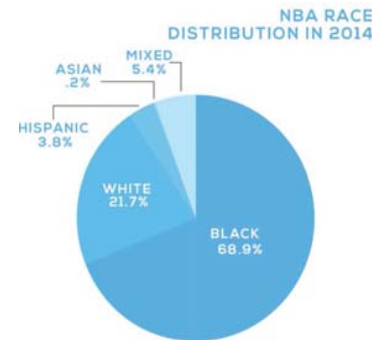
### Methods

- Gather graphs indicating racial patterns in the NBA from past years-present.
- Analyze changes between racial patterns between earlier generations moving toward the present.

## Findings

This chart includes more recent data on race in the NBA. It shows that African Americans continue to dominate representation among races in the NBA.

## NBA Distribution Chart



## Resources

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