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I. Conferences

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Speakers:
Coleman, James S., Public and Private Schools.
Greeley, Andrew, Minority Students in Catholic Secondary Schools.

Discussants:
Ayars, Albert
Breneman, David W.
Erickson, Donald A.
Finn, Chester E., Jr.
Olivas, Michael
Page, Ellis B.
Ravitch, Diane
Thomas, Gail


Speaker:
Coleman, James S., Public and Private Schools.

Discussants:
Braddock, Jomills H. II
Cronbach, Lee J.
Heyns, Barbara L.

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Chair:
Antonoplos, Daniel P.

Participants:
Abramowitz, Susan
Baker, Eva
Boruch, Robert
Braddock, Jomills H. II
Bryk, Anthony
Coleman, James S.
Cooley, William
Durand, Richard
Forbes, Roy
Gephart, William J.
Hannaway, Jane
Kilgore, Sally
Light, Richard
Linn, Robert
Madow, William
Migdail, Sherry
Miller-Jones, Dalton
Noda, Chris
Olineck, Michael
Porter, Andrew
Scriven, Michael
Sears, Donald
Walberg, Herbert


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Moderator: Olkin, Ingram

Review panel:

Fienberg, Stephen E. Madow, William G.
Hansen, Morris H. Rubin, Donald B.
Jones, Lyle V. Singer, Burton H.

II. Critiques


Commentators:

Campbell, Donald
Crain, Robert L.
Kirst, Michael W.
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Smith, Donald H., "Finding Beacons of Success."


Murnane, Richard J., "Evidence; Analysis, and Unanswered Questions."


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Guthrie, James W. and Ami Zusman, "Unasked Questions."

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