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Dr. John U. Ogbu transferred from Princeton's Theological Seminary to study anthropology at UC Berkeley. His research interests included the impact of culture on education, as well as dissecting the differences between

cultures. He published *Minority Education and Caste* in 1978, which examines the differences between cultures and its impact on one's identity. The 1986 study of African-American high school students he conducted with Signithia Fordham found

that the fear of being accused of "acting white" was keeping black students from reaching their academic potential. Their findings were summarized in *Black American Students in an Affluent Suburb: A Study of Academic Disengagement*.