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## Negative consequences

### 1) Test bias

Standardized tests involve a number of **types of test bias** in many forms: language, race, culture, gender, and learning style.

For example:

**Reading passage:** Selected from a literary piece that reflects a middle-class, white, Anglo-Saxon norm.

**Listening stimuli:** Selected from lectures that can easily promote a bias sociopolitical view.

Such tests favor those with great logical-mathematical and verbal-linguistic intelligence.

Such tests favor those who excel at **cognitive styles** that are amenable to a standardized format.

**Solution:** We require more **formative assessments** (such as portfolios, samples of work, observation reports, ...) rather than just summative assessment inherent in Standardized tests and use **multiple measures** to reduce test bias.

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