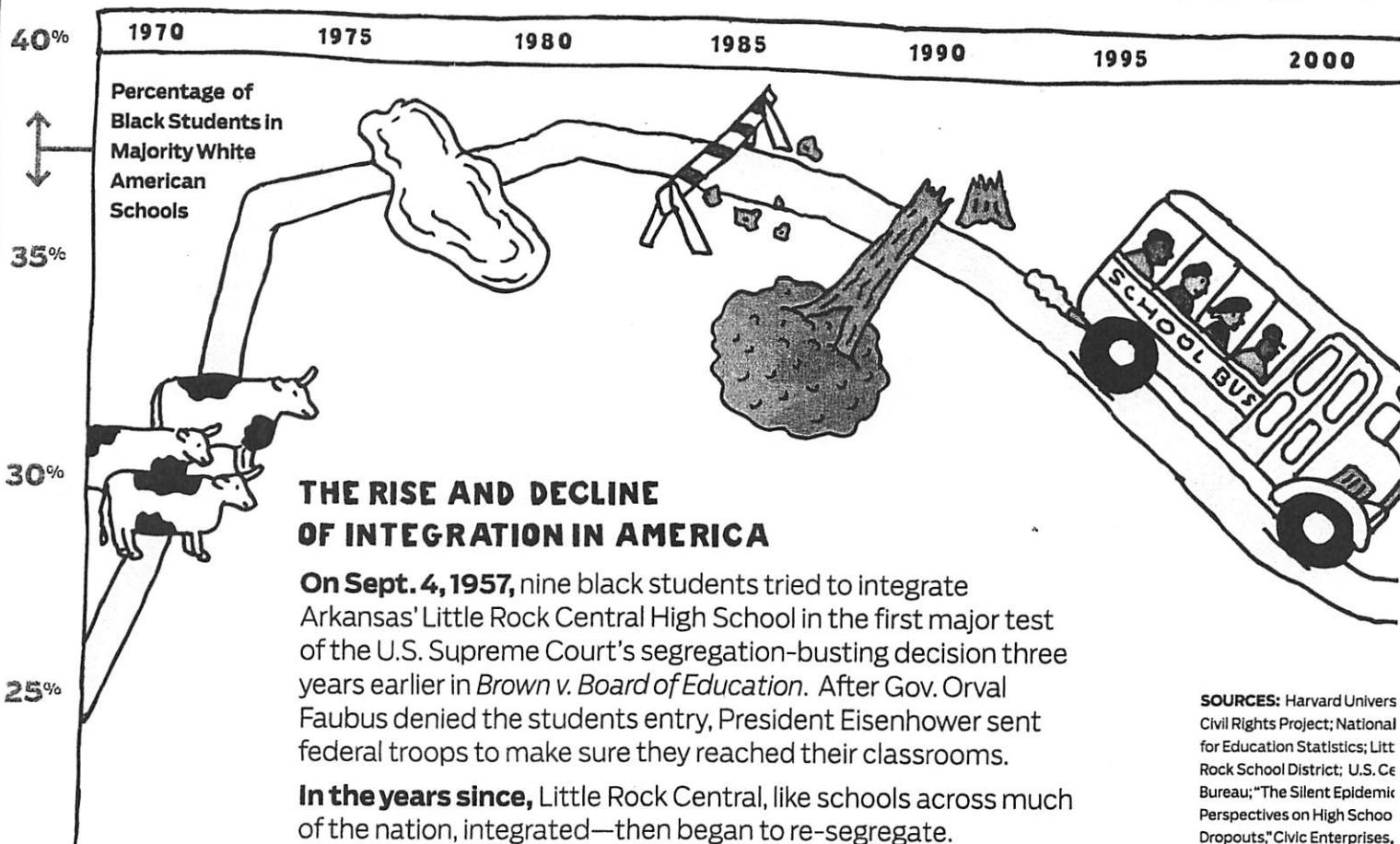


# 50 YEARS AFTER LITTLE ROCK

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Power of 5



## TODAY

Little Rock Central has a black majority, in large part because of the declining percentage of the district's white population.

	White	Black	Other
1957-58	99.6	0.4	n/a
2006-07	42	53	5

## GOOD NEWS

The percentage of Americans age 25 and older with a high school diploma is much higher than it was 50 years ago, and the disparity among races is narrowing.\*

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Native Amer.
1950	36.4	13.7	n/a	40.8	12.8
2005	86.6	79.9	59.5	85.5	76.3

## BAD NEWS

The nation's dropout rate as estimated by the percentage of school freshmen who graduate on time, is high.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pac. Isl.	Native Amer.
2005	25	50	50	42	22