

## YOUNG BLACK AND ASIANS FACE “GREATER BARRIERS TO WORK THAN THEIR PARENTS”

*Thinktank report shows that ethnic minorities still face glass ceiling in the work place*

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Many second-generation ethnic minorities face greater barriers in the work place than their parents, according to a new report published by The Foreign Policy Centre.

Writing in *Reclaiming Britishness: Living together after September 11 and the Rise of the Right*, Shamit Shagger argues that economic integration has not matched expectations. Though recent evidence, including the Labour Force Survey, shows that Indian and Chinese men are more likely than whites to hold down jobs at professional or managerial level, they are still under-performing in the labour market given their educational achievements. Black Africans appear to be doing quite well, but when one observes they are a highly educated group it becomes apparent that, on average, they are not doing nearly as well as equally well educated whites.

### **KEY FINDINGS:**

- **There are vast disparities in the Labour market achievements of different minority groups.** For instance, around one in twenty males of Indian origin are employed as doctors or in professions allied to medicine. One in eight men of Pakistani origin work as taxi-drivers.
- **The location of first-generation settlement have determined later patterns of success:** Unlike their Pakistani counterparts, Indian immigrants and their children have tended to settle in areas of continued economic growth. Pakistani immigrants have often settled in areas of structural economic decline in manufacturing and textiles. This in turn has hampered opportunity structures in employment and housing.
- **Ethnic minorities are disproportionately located in deprived, economically weak areas.** This results in a number of employment barriers including limited residential mobility, transport difficulties, and a general failure of regeneration policy.

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- **Minority groups exhibit higher staying on rates** in full-time education than their white counter-parts.
- **Around half the projected growth in the labour force during the next decade will be among ethnic minorities.**

## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

1. *Reclaiming Britishness: Living together after 11 September and the rise of the Right* is strictly embargoed until Monday 9 September.
2. The Foreign Policy Centre was set up in 1998 to explore the consequences of Globalisation.
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