

Racial and religious tolerance has progressed enormously. FEPC* laws were rare before the war. Now nine states have such laws—Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington. Four others have statutes applying to public or state employees. In 1942 Roper found only 42 per cent of Americans saying “yes” to the question, “Are Negroes as intelligent as whites and can they learn just as quickly if given education and training?” After the war the number rose to 57 per cent.

Today several polls have indicated a majority of young people believe that a couple in love who are of different faiths should get married regardless of creed.

*Fair Employment Practice Commission

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