

## Series 7 | Video2 | Reflection

### A System of Scarcity

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### Purpose

In this video, Courtney Winkfield discusses how a zero-sum mentality creates a culture of hoarding resources in our country which can be seen in the way students and families compete to get into certain schools when every child should have access to a high-quality education in their neighborhood.

### Background

A zero-sum mentality is the belief that there are not enough resources for everyone and one person's gain automatically results in another person's loss. This belief is prevalent in our society and can be seen in the way schools function in the U.S.

### Reflections

Why do you think a zero-sum mentality has been able to thrive for as long as it has?

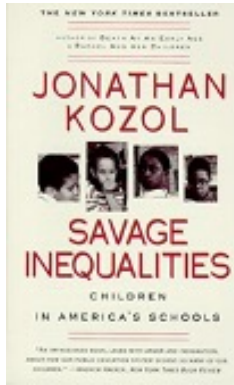
What are some of the negative impacts of a zero-sum mentality on students in schools?

What are some of the negative impacts of a zero-sum mentality on our society?

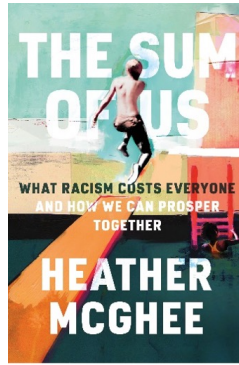
What do you believe about the zero-sum mentality? How do your beliefs about the mentality show up in your life?

How can you engage in conversations around the zero-sum mentality with people in your inner circle to further your understanding about how it affects everyone in a negative way?

## Extended Connections



[Savage Inequalities](#)



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