

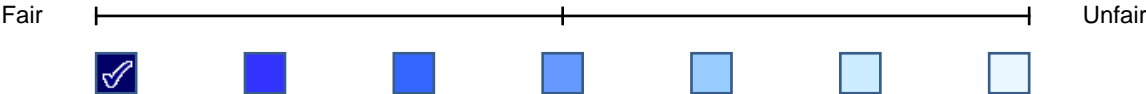
Fair Use Evaluation Documentation

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Name:	Sharon Jones
Job Title:	Doctoral Student
Institution:	Virginia Tech
Title of Work Used:	High School Graduation Rates
Copyright Holder:	Maryland State Department of Education
Publication Status:	Published
Publisher:	Maryland State Department of Education
Place of Publication:	Baltimore Maryland
Publication Year:	2019
Description of Work:	High school graduation rates taken from the Maryland State Department of Education to create figures in my dissertation.
Date of Evaluation:	September 28, 2020
Date of Intended Use:	September 28, 2020

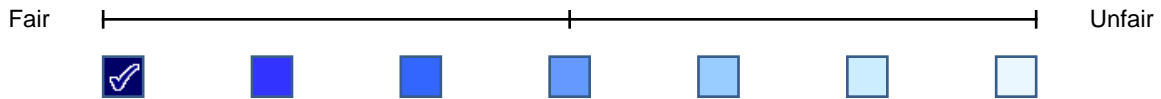
Describe the **Purpose** and Character of Your Intended Use:

High School graduation rates were used from the site to create two figures that compared black male graduation rates. In addition, Use is for "criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, (including multiple print copies for classroom use), scholarship or research".



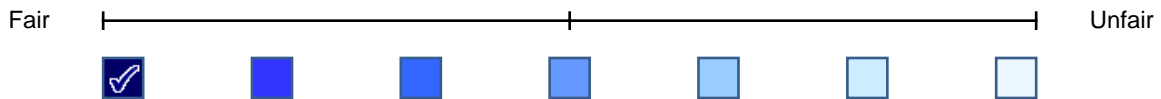
Describe the **Nature** of Your Intended Use of the Copyrighted Work:

The high school graduation rates are state data that is available to anyone who has access to the Maryland State Department of Education's website. This site is a public domain that belongs to the state of Maryland. In addition, the Work to be used has been previously PUBLISHED.



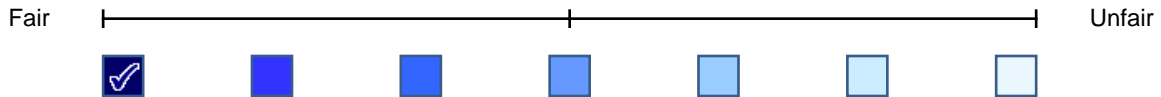
Describe the **Amount** of Your Intended Use in Relation to the Copyrighted Work as a Whole:

The data was placed in figures that were included in a section of the findings, chapters 4 and 5. In addition, the portion used is not the "heart" of the work (the portion considered most central to the work as a whole)



Describe the **Effect** of Your Intended Use on the Potential Market or Value of the Copyrighted Work:

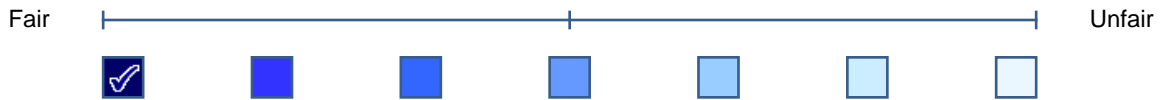
The data used from the Maryland State Department of Education was used to complete a research dissertation. In addition, the works are NOT currently under commercial exploitation (out of print, no licensing available, etc.)



The Average **"Fairness Level,"** Based on Your Rating of Each of the 4

Factors, Is:

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Other Important Criteria:

As mentioned, the student data used from the Maryland State Department of Education was used in good use in a dissertation research study to support research on Black males and compare their graduation rates to other male subgroups based on data reported this source for public use and knowledge. The researcher used the data tool to find the data and presented the data in figures originally created by her.

Based on the information and justification I have provided above, I, Sharon Jones, am asserting this use is **FAIR** under Section 107 of the U.S. Copyright Code.

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