The debate continues on segregation

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An editorial following the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel series last week on segregation patterns in Milwaukee and the metropolitan area said that the study on which the series was based should contribute to the nation's dialogue on race and nurture continuing debate.

It certainly has done that. We have received a flood of mail, both complimentary and critical, a sample of which appears in the Sunday Symposium on Page 5.

The articles that begin on this page also address the controversy over the study's principal conclusion - that the city of Milwaukee is relatively more integrated than previous research had suggested.

In the left-hand column on this page, three academic researchers challenge the methodology and findings of the study, conducted by researchers at the Employment and Training Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

In the right-hand column, the institute researchers respond to the critique. Also on this page, Milwaukee historian John Gurda, a regular columnist for the Journal Sentinel, offers his view of the perceptions and myths about the city outside southeastern Wisconsin.

Segregation in Milwaukee

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We stand by our series, and we welcome you to the continuing debate.

- Martin Kaiser, editor