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Observation: An indication of the magnitude of the problem facing the Negro youths in particular is the fact that although more interested in remaining in school (and thus more likely to benefit from the experience) they are forced to leave to work and are then relatively less successful than their white counterparts in finding jobs.

Assuming that those most interested in finding a job are those who have graduated high school and those who left school to find work, 59 percent of the Negroes and 37 percent of the whites fall into this category. But only 32 percent of the Negroes and 25 percent of the whites were working at the time they signed up for the Job Corps. In relative terms, then, 68 percent of the white "most interested" group were working while only 54 percent of the Negro "most interested" group were able to find jobs.

The unfortunate fact is not only that there is a large gap between interest in working and the ability to find a job but that even at this low level of achievement, "white interest" finds more success than "Negro interest".