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The weight of relevant factors depends chiefly on the applicant pool. If person Jo Schmoe from the country X applies, and a small percentage of the applicant pool is from X, then it would be to MIT's advantage to accept Jo. Of course, Jo Schmoe has the ability to do the work. It favors MIT because Jo may be a future leader for his country. World leaders in technology give MIT its greatest name. He may even give funds to the Institute. It also favors the MIT community. Jo adds diversity to the student body.

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