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Sirs:

I had naively thought that the mindless, and anti-intellectual, political correctness that today infuses American academic institutions was absent from European universities. I had thought that scientific honor, or at least a desire to avoid the ridicule that imposing ideological desire of empirical analysis justifiably generates, would have kept universities like Aarhus from the sort of silliness represented by its attack on Professor Nyborg.

Obviously, I was wrong.

Were Aarhus, or any other university, to attempt to condemn any research to the sort of nit-picking obscurantism of Aarhus' pathetic attempt to cast doubt on research whose conclusions it dislikes, no research at all would pass muster.

As a former Chairman (for twenty years) of a department of sociology, I can attest to the fact that Professor Nyborg's work is so far more rigorous and valuable than that of the usual mediocrity that passes for research in the social sciences that any comparison is ludicrous. But such mediocrity is invariably in accord with the wishes of university administrations and, therefore, it goes unchallenged.

But all this is obvious. One need ask only whether the university would have launched an attack had Professor Nyborg's research found no difference between men and women.

Every serious person knows the answer and will, I think, remember it when assessing Aarhus' dedication to scientific research.

Or lack of same.

Sincerely,

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