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Kære Helmuth Nyborg

Jeg er blevet gjort opmærksom på, at du på internettet (se bl.a. evolutionary-psychology@yahooogroups.com og <http://tinyurl.com/bw8su>) søger at indhente støtteerklæringer fra udenlandske forskere på grundlag af en skrivelse (se vedlagte bilag), hvis indhold efter min vurdering ikke er i overensstemmelse med de faktuelle omstændigheder, og som stiller universitetet i et helt urimeligt dårligt lys.

Du indkaldes derfor til en samtale

Onsdag den 28. december 2005 kl. 9

Mødet afholdes på mit kontor (bygning 327, lokale 330). Fra fakultetet deltager undertegnede, den kommende dekan, professor Svend Hylleberg, institutleder Jens Mammen og sekretariatschef Per Henriksen. Mødet vil få opklarende karakter, men jeg skal dog oplyse, at såfremt min vurdering bekræftes, agter jeg at indberette forholdet til rektor som en tjenstlig forseelse. Jeg skal derfor opfordre dig at overveje at medtage en bisidder.

Med venlig hilsen

Tom Latrup-Pedersen
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Emne: [Fwd: Re: [evol-psy] Academic Persecution in Denmark]

og en til

----- Original Message -----
 Subject: Re: [evol-psy] Academic Persecution in Denmark
 From: "Joao Sousa" <j.d.sousa@sapo.pt>
 Date: Fri, December 16, 2005 1:36 am
 To: evolutionary-psychology@yahoogroups.com

It is outrageous that the author is being persecuted for just reporting results. While I deeply deplore that, and think no one should suffer that treatment (and I remember John Maynard Smith to have said that if any dean/rector did that to a scholar of his own institution, he would have to fire him next), I want to comment very briefly on the work itself. For me, it is acceptable that anyone reports empirical findings showing a 4 point IQ difference between the sexes, or between ethnic groups, etc. However, to take the following step of overinterpreting such results and affirm that they explain ANYTHING about sex differences in academic or economic achievement is just SILLY (unfortunately some Harvard professors took that step). Women are now the majority of academics in many fields, in the same fields where they were absent 100 years ago. Powerful differences in motivation explain why they prefer areas or professions involving social interaction rather than mathematics; IQ is likely irrelevant in explaining such difference. In Darwin's books, how many women figure as field naturalists? And nowadays, how many brilliant female field naturalists are widely known?

I don't know if this author took the wrong step, but the title of his paper "Sex-related differences in general intelligence g, brain size, and social status", could suggest that.

At 23:33 15-12-2005 +0000, you wrote:

>I am republishing this email from Helmuth Nyborg, the Danish
 >psychometrician. He seems to have gotten into trouble with his
 >university because of controversies related to his research.
 >Letters from people with academic creds would help in resolving
 >this positively for him, so if you are interested, please see
 >below....

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>Dear Colleague. December 3rd 2005
 >At the 2001 meeting of the International Society for Intelligence
 Research (ISIR), I reported a 4 IQ point advantage for males in
 >intelligence. Upon my return to Denmark I was interviewed by a
 >journalist, and a veritable media storm ensued. The director of
 >my institute publicly stated that he would personally look into the
 situation. He also said that I made a fool of myself and my
 >institute. Consequently, a "Committee for Proper Research"
 >reprimanded me for what they saw as "premature publication" -
 >i.e. reporting in the media before a full publication in a
 >peer-reviewed journal was at hand. I was called to several
 >meetings with the Dean and the President of the University. The
 >paper was eventually published (See Nyborg, H. (2005)

>Sex-related differences in general intelligence g, brain size, and social status. Personality and Individual Differences, 39, 497-509; available online at www. sciencedirect.com.)
>In 2004 the director wrote to the dean, saying that he could not evaluate my research contribution in his yearly report. In April 2005 he halted my ongoing 30 year longitudinal research project by confiscating the research protocols and informing the Dean he would setup a committee to re-examine my calculations and the method (hierarchical factor analysis) used. As of december 3rd. 2005, I have not been notified who is on the committee.
>I am asking if you will write me a letter of support. If so, please address it "To Whom it may Concern," use official paper with your professional affiliation stated, and send it to me at [helmuthnyborg @ msn.com -R] or to my private address: Adslev Skovvej 2, DK-8362, Hoerning, Denmark. Please feel free to comment on any aspect of the academic freedom and scholarship issues raised that you find relevant.
>I will then assemble the letters and use them in a defence of my academic freedom.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/evolutionary-psychology/>

<*> To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
evolutionary-psychology-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

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