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Udviklingspsykologen Helmuth Nyborg svarer på Expressens anklager om racisme og ekstremisme – avisen burde i stedet bringe kendsgerningerne på forsiden

For få dage siden (25. november 2012) bragte den svenske avis *Expressen* en artikel af journalisten Niklas Orrenius med titlen "[Skandalen der vil forfølge Sverigedemokraterne](#)". Historien var, at "racisme og ekstremisme" flourer i partiet. Det kan man ifølge Orrenius tydeligst ses af, at SD har besluttet at

udsende *Dispatch International* til samtlige partimedlemmer. *Expressens* journalist var særligt forskrækket over *Dispatch Internationals* 20. september udgave, hvori jeg havde skrevet en artikel.

Orrenius kunne rapportere, at racismen især kom frem i fem af artiklens påstande: 1) Immigranter er dumme (korkade); 2) massiv lav-IQ indvandring får Sveriges nationale IQ-gennemsnit til at falde; 3) der er næsten aldrig demokrati i lande med en gennemsnitlig IQ på under 90; 4) massiv indvandring til Europa og USA af mennesker med lav IQ, men høj fertilitet, kombineret med de indfødte befolknings lave fertilitet vil få den gennemsnitlige intelligens til at falde i begge områder; 5) i forhistoriske tider eliminerede kolde vintre de svage og mindre intelligente, men den moderne velfærdsstat ophæver denne naturlige udvælgelse.

Det er ifølge *Expressen* udtryk for den rene racisme og ekstremisme, og derfor vil intet andet parti i Sverige røre *Dispatch International* med en ildtang. For at understrege sit synspunkt tilføjer Orrenius, at "alle etablerede partier vil nu foragte SD endnu mere".

Denne journalistiske behandling er interessant, fordi den retter sig mod en videnskabelig rapport, der er offentliggjort efter anonymt at være blevet peer-reviewed i et internationalt fagtidsskrift. Det var denne rapport, der lå til grund for min artikel i *Dispatch International*. Hvis de videnskabelige observationer i min artikel er rigtige, som jeg mener de er, så burde den svenske offentlighed blive gjort bekendt med dem. Det er der ingen sandsynlighed for, så længe *Expressen* og alle andre af Sveriges førende aviser ikke kan øjne andet end racisme i ubekvemme videnskabelige afhandlinger.

For at undersøge om der er hold i Niklas Orrenius' racismeanklager, vil vi se på, om han 1) misforstår, 2) ikke kan tælle, 3) intet kender til videnskab, 4) er uvidende om nylige demografiske udviklinger eller 5) simpelthen ikke forstår konsekvenserne af udviklingslæren – eller om han måske begår alle disse

fejl på én gang.

Jeg har hverken sagt eller ment, at indvandrere er "dumme". Tvært imod har jeg omhyggeligt skelnet mellem indvandrere efter deres 235 oprindelseslande og derefter kategoriseret dem efter om de kommer fra (vestlige) lande med høj gennemsnitlig IQ eller (ikke-vestlige) lande med lav IQ. Jeg har bemærket, at de fleste indvandrere til Europa kommer fra ikke-vestlige lande (98 pct. i Danmark). Jeg har taget hensyn til, at hundredvis af veldokumenterede undersøgelser bekræfter, at IQ for op mod 80 pct.s vedkommende er arvelig, at IQ er det mest stabile adfærdstræk, som psykologer nogen sinde har målt, at IQ-forskelle holder sig konstante, når man gennem flere generationer måler på enkeltpersoner og nationer. Jeg har berettet, at IQ i alle kendte befolkninger ligger tæt på en normalfordeling. Det betyder, at selv i indvandrergrupper med en gennemsnitlig lav IQ, vil der være nogle få med meget høj IQ. På den baggrund er det ganske enkelt dårlig journalistik at hævde, at *Dispatch International* skulle have til hensigt at udbrede påstande om, at indvandrere er dumme, og det er endnu uafklaret, om Orrenius bevidst vildleder sine læsere, har misforstået sagen eller måske er for doven til at undersøge de relevante videnskabelige kendsgerninger.

For det andet demonstrerer *Expressens* journalist sin manglende sans for tal og synes ude af stand til for forstå, at lav-IQ indvandring uundgåeligt vil sænke Sveriges gennemsnitlige IQ. At betragte denne konstatering som racisme er ensbetydende med en indrømmelse af, at han ikke ved, at de standardiserede IQ-tests er "farveblinde". En anden pointe er, at lav IQ erfaringsmæssigt skaber vanskeligheder for alle berørte individer og lande – uanset race, hudfarve eller religion. Vi ved, at selv i de mest begavede indvandrergrupper (dvs. nordøstasiater og jøder) vil der være nogle få individer med lav IQ, og vi ser, at er udsat for de samme vanskeligheder, som også rammer svenskere med lav IQ. Disse og mange andre kendsgerninger er veldokumenterede i talløse

undersøgelser. Det ved enhver, der kan tælle og læse.

For det tredje har den finske forsker Tatu Vanhanen (professor emeritus i politisk videnskab ved universitetet i Tampere) analyseret kvaliteten af demokratiet i adskillige lande og bemærket, at demokratiet er fraværende i næsten alle lande med en gennemsnitlig IQ på under 90. I stedet for at anklage folk for racisme burde *Expressen* bringe denne væsentlige oplysning med store typer på forsiden. Det ville give svenske politikere og intellektuelle anledning til at overveje, hvilke følger den massive lav-IQ indvandring vil få for det svenske demokrati og det åbne samfund.

For det fjerde er man for nylig begyndt at inddrage IQ i demografiske undersøgelser. Vi ved, at Sverige er et høj-IQ land (ifølge de nyeste beregninger ligger gennemsnittet på 98,6), og at svenske kvinder føder langt færre børn end de 2.1 pr kvinde, der skal til for at holde befolkningstallet. Når vi kombinerer denne viden med en anden iagttagelse – nemlig at folk med lav IQ får flere børn end dem med høj IQ (i det mindste siden 1850) – er det let at se, at der vil blive færre begavede svenskere i verden dag for dag. Slutresultatet bliver, at de lavintelligente med tiden vil udgøre et flertal i de tidligere svenske områder – sandsynlighed inden slutningen af det indeværende århundrede, fordi tendensen synes at accelerere. En sådan befolkningsudvikling vil nedbringe den gennemsnitlige svenske IQ til et niveau, hvor demokratiet måske ikke længere kan opretholdes. I stedet for at tale om racisme, burde *Expressen* fortælle den historie og bede de ansvarlige om en forklaring.

For det femte: For at kunne forstå, hvad alt dette betyder for Sveriges fremtid, må man kende til udviklingsteori og kombinere den med genetik. Desværre synes mange mennesker at have vanskeligt ved at forstå, at det genetiske potentiale for høj IQ oprindeligt opstod gennem naturlig udvælgelse i verdens kolde områder, særligt i det høje nord, og at denne omstændighed i et vist omfang kan forklare de

betydelige nord-syd forskelle i national IQ og BNP. Mange kan ikke forstå, at den massive lav-IQ indvandring vil sætte denne naturlige udvælgelse i bakgear. De vil hellere betragte det som et moralsk problem og nægter at indse, at der bliver en pris at betale for kommende generationer.

Disse betragtninger giver anledning til et yderligere spørgsmål om etik: Hvorfor skriger *Expressen* op om racisme i stedet for at videregive de data, der er nødvendige for et objektivi perspektiv? Kan det skydes, at avisen er overfølsom for de ledende politikeres meninger?

Eller synes *Expressens* journalist måske det er morsomt – og godt for hans karriere – at anklage forskere for dårlig videnskab, racisme, nazisme eller ekstrem højreorientering? I det mindste én dansk journalist (Jørgen Ølgaard fra Forskerforum) var ærlig nok til at fortælle mig, at han fandt det morsomt. Endog universiteter hopper med på heksejagten på forskning, de betragter som kontroversiel. De lyver og fejlinformerer, men man vil aldrig høre dem indrømme, at de drives af politisk korrekthed.

For et give et eksempel (blandt mange – se www.helmuthnyborg.dk, og særligt: *The Greatest Collective Scientific Fraud*), så har dekan Svend Hylleberg fra Aarhus Universitet fortalt offentligheden, at jeg til et udviklingsstudie havde målt penislængder. Det var usandt. Lederen af mit institut, professor Jens Mammen, løj til både universitetet og offentligheden om, at børn, der var inddraget i min undersøgelse, var blevet tvunget til at lade sig fotografere nøgne, og at undersøgelsen derfor var værdiløs. Den slags fotografering er standardprocedure, når man skal bestemme forholdet mellem biologisk alder og kronologisk alder, men selvfølgelig blev der aldrig anvendt tvang. En tredje kollega, Pia Ankersen, løj for et lokalt udvalg om, at jeg skulle have nægtet at samarbejde med hende i forbindelse med en undersøgelse af kønsforskelle i intelligens. Sagen var, at jeg fire gange havde opfordret hende til at

samarbejde.

Efter at være blevet præsenteret for denne stribe af løgne suspenderede rektor for Aarhus Universitet mig for videnskabelig uredelighed. Man efter at en uafhængig komite havde konkluderet, at anklagerne var grundløse, trak rektor i land. I stedet udsendte han en alvorlig advarsel mod min "højest mangelfulde og uacceptable forskning". Denne advarsel er meningsløs i lyset af, at prominente internationale fagtidsskrifter (alle med anonyme peer-reviews) fortsat offentliggør mine utallige publikationer, og at over 40 af de ledende internationale eksperter inden for relevante videnskabelige områder skrev kritiske breve til rektor Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen og bad ham standse heksejagten. Den politisk korrekte universitetsledelse var ligeglad. I stedet prøvede den forgæves at starte en officiel disciplinærsag mod mig for at have fortalt internationale kolleger om universitetets behandling af min sag. Det sidste slag kom i form af, at universitetet nægtede mig den normale emeritus status, efter at jeg havde forladt min stilling på grund af alder. Jeg fik at vide, at universitetet og jeg ikke delte de samme "værdier".

Heksejagten på videnskabsmænd, der studerer individuelle og gruppe-forskelle i intelligens og personlighed, eller som anskuer dem ud fra et demografisk perspektiv, standser ikke her. De pågældende bliver anklaget for umoralsk og upassende videnskab, eller der bliver indledt retssager mod dem. Andre får deres Wikipedia-sider skrevet om. Jeg bliver f.eks. beskyldt for at have givet sexhormoner for at forbedre intelligensen hos kvinder med kromosomfejl. Ren løgn! Som psykolog har jeg slet ikke ret til at ordinere hormoner eller anden medicin. Jeg bliver endog beskyldt for at omgås nazistiske kredse, selv om jeg gentagne gange har understreget, at jeg er absolut modstander af alle totalitære ideologier.

Denne affære har intet med sandheden at gøre, men er et forsøg på at miskreditere en forsker.

De ultimative ofre bliver de svenskere, der må affinde sig med Sveriges mørke fremtid – en kendsgerning der bliver fortiet af de selvsamme mennesker, som har skabt denne fremtid. *The developmental psychologist Helmut Nyborg answers Expressen's accusations of racism and extremism*

A few days ago, the journalist Niklas Orrenius published an article in the Swedish newspaper *Expressen* (November 25, 2012 – *The scandal will pursue Sverigedemokraterne*). The story was that “racism and extremism” flourish in party. According to Orrenius, this is seen most clearly in the SD's decision to send free copies of *Dispatch International* to all party members. *Expressen's* journalist is particularly aghast at *Dispatch International's* September 20 issue, which carried an article by me.

Orrenius reports that racism is reflected in five statements from the article: 1) Immigrants are “korkade”, i.e. stupid; 2) Massive low-IQ immigration makes Sweden's national average IQ drop; 3) Democracy is rarely seen in countries with an average IQ lower than 90; 4) Massive low-IQ but high-fertility immigration to Europe and USA combined with the low fertility of the native populations will cause average intelligence to drop in both geographic areas; 5) In primordial times, cold winters eliminated the weak and less intelligent but the modern welfare state reverses this natural selection process and causes the gene pool to decay.

This, according to *Expressen*, is pure racism and extremism, and for that reason no other political party in Sweden would ever touch *Dispatch International* with a barge pole. To stress his point, Orrenius adds that “all established parties now despise the SD even more”.

This journalistic treatment is interesting because it targets a scientific report, published after anonymous specialist peer-review in a professional international journal, which was the basis of my article in *Dispatch*

International. If the scientific observations in my article are correct, as I believe they are, the Swedish public should be made aware of them. That is not likely to happen as long as *Expressen* and all other leading Swedish newspapers only see racism and extremism in inconvenient scientific reports.

To test the validity of Niklas Orrenius' accusations of racism, we will take a look at whether he either: 1) misunderstands, 2) cannot count, 3) is scientifically illiterate, 4) is ignorant of recent demographics, or 5) simply doesn't understand the consequences of evolution – or is perhaps guilty of all these errors combined.

I have neither said nor meant that immigrants are “korkade” or stupid. To the contrary, I have carefully differentiated among immigrants according to their 235 nations of origin and then categorized them according to whether they come from high-IQ countries (Western) or low-IQ countries (non-Western). I have noted that most immigrants to Europe come from non-Western countries (98 percent in the case of Denmark). I have acknowledged that literally hundreds of solid studies confirm that IQ is up to 80 percent genetic, that IQ is the most stable behavioral trait ever measured in psychology, that IQ differences have been documented to be stable over a lifetime in individuals, across individuals, over multiple generations, and across nations. I have reported that IQ is close to normally distributed in all known populations. This means that even in a very low-IQ immigrant group, there most likely will be a few very high IQ individuals. In light of this, it is simply poor journalism to claim that *Dispatch International* promotes the idea that immigrants are stupid, and the jury is still out on whether Orrenius deliberately misled his readers, simply misunderstood, or perhaps was too lazy to check the relevant scientific facts.

Second, *Expressen's* journalist demonstrates a lack of numerical skills and seems unable to understand that

low-IQ immigration will inevitably lower Swedish average IQ – and more so the more low-IQ immigrants Sweden takes in. To see this as racism is to acknowledge that he does not know that all well-standardized IQ tests are “color”-blind. Another point is that low IQ has been amply demonstrated to create troubles for all affected individuals and nations – irrespective of race, color or creed. We know that even in the most gifted immigrant groups (i.e. North East Asian or Jews) there will be a few low-IQ individuals, statistically speaking of course, and we see that they encounter problems much like those low-IQ Swedes run into. These, and many other facts, are well documented in countless studies. Anybody who can count and read knows that.

Third, the Finnish researcher Tutu Vanhanen (Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the University of Tampere) has analyzed the quality of democracy in multiple countries and noted that democracy is absent in almost all nations with average IQs below 90. Instead of accusing people of racism, *Expressen* should present this essential demographic information in large print on its front page. That would give Swedish politicians and intellectuals reason to ponder what implications the current massive low-IQ immigration will have for Swedish democracy and the open society.

Fourth, demographic studies have recently begun to include IQ as a parameter. We know that Sweden is a high-IQ area (the most recent estimate is IQ 98.6), and that Swedes have a replacement rate far below the 2.1 children per woman necessary to maintain the population. When we combine this knowledge with another observation – that low-IQ people have more children than high-IQ people (at least since the year 1850) – it is easily seen that there will in future be fewer gifted Swedes in the world. Generally, non-Western immigrants have lower IQ and higher fertility rates than Swedes. The end result is that low-IQ individuals will eventually form a majority in former Swedish territories – most likely before the end of the

century, as the tendency seems to be exponentially accelerating. A population dynamic like this will reduce average Swedish IQ to a point where democracy may no longer be tenable. Instead of talking about racism, *Expressen* should highlight this story and ask the people responsible for an explanation.

Fifth, to realize what all this means for the future of Sweden, it is necessary to have some knowledge of evolutionary theory and combine this with behavior genetics. Unfortunately, many people seem to have a hard time understanding that the genetic potential for high IQ was originally harshly selected for in cold areas of the world, in particular in the far North, and that this would go some way towards explaining the massive North-South differences in national IQs and GDP. For some it is impossible to realize that massive low-IQ immigration will reverse this selection process. They tend to consider it a moral issue, and refuse to acknowledge that this development comes at a price – to be paid by future generations.

These observations pose a final but rather important question about ethics: Why does *Expressen* scream “racism” instead of reporting the data needed for an objective perspective? Could it be that the paper is oversensitive to the opinion of leading politicians?

Or perhaps *Expressen*'s journalist thinks it is great fun, and also good for his personal promotion, to accuse academics of bad science, racism, Nazism or extreme right-orientation? At least one Danish journalist (Jørgen Ølgaard from the Danish Forskerforum) was candid enough to tell me that he thought it was such great fun. Even universities join in this witch-hunting over what they consider controversial research. They may lie and misinform, but you will never hear them admit that they were driven by political correctness.

To give an example (among many – see www.helmuthnyborg.dk, and in particular: *The*

Greatest Collective Scientific Fraud), Dean Svend Hylleberg at the University of Aarhus in Denmark told the public that I had measured penis size in a developmental study. This was untrue. The director of my institute, professor Jens Mammen, lied to the university as well as to the public that children in my study were forced to be photographed nude, which made the study meaningless. Such photography is international standard procedure to determine the relationship between biological age and chronological age, but of course no force was ever applied. A third colleague, Pia Ankersen, lied to a local committee that I had refused to cooperate with her in connection with a publication on sex difference in intelligence, despite the fact that I had asked her four times previously for her cooperation. When presented with this series of lies, the chancellor of Aarhus University suspended me for scientific misconduct. However, after an independent committee concluded that the allegations were baseless, he had to back off. Instead he issued a grave warning about “highly inadequate and unacceptable” research. This warning loses all meaning in the face of the fact that prominent international science journals (all with anonymous peer-review) continue to publish my countless scientific publications and books, and that more than 40 of the leading international experts in the relevant scientific fields wrote critical letters to Chancellor Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen, asking him to stop the witch hunt. The politically correct university administration could not have cared less. Instead they tried in vain to initiate an official disciplinary case against me for telling international colleagues about the university's handling of the case. The final attack came when I was denied the usual emeritus status after leaving due to age. I was told that the university and I do not share the same “values”.

The witch-hunting of scientists who study individual and group differences in intelligence and personality, or who consider them from a demographic perspective, does not stop here. Critics accuse them of doing immoral and indecent science or initiate court

cases against them. Others overwrite their Wikipedia pages. I am, for example, accused of administering sex hormones to improve the intelligence of women with chromosome anomalies. This is a blatant lie. Being a psychologist, I am not even permitted to prescribe hormones or any other medicine. I am even accused of courting Nazi circles, despite the fact that I have repeatedly stressed my absolute opposition to all totalitarian ideologies.

This entire affair is not about the truth but an attempt to discredit a researcher.

Ultimately, the victims will be the Swedes that are forced to live with their country's bleak future – a fact that is deliberately withheld from them by the very people who created it.



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