

Dear Rector Holm-Nielsen:

My name is Harpending, I am a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Utah in the US, and I am a member of our National Academy of Sciences. I am writing to comment on the treatment that Helmuth Nyborg has gotten for years from your university. Nyborg is an internationally respected research in differential psychology whose work is entirely mainstream (indeed part of the creation of the mainstream) and free of controversy in the international scholarly community. I see that his treatment at your university has been bizarre, something reminiscent of the worst excesses of political correctness of the 1970s. We have a history of that sort of witch hunting in the US, especially since McCarthy in the 1950s. I have never associated that style of ignorant boorishness with Denmark but many of us do now. I hope that you will do what you can do to end this blot on your nation.

Henry Harpending

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