

Re: Harvard Pres: Women Lack Ability In Math, Sciences

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>>>>> Geez, that's what the old timers said before it became

>>>>> politically-incorrect to do so.

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>>>>> Bro

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>>>> Gee, my wife graduated cum laud with a double B.S. in geology and

>>>> mathematics.

>>> So your wife is ALL WOMEN – well thats a 'convincing' argument. Next comes a

>>> feminist who says 'ALL MEN ARE RAPISTS AND THATS ALL THEY ARE' – after all

>>> said feminist need only to point to ONE MAN to prove her case using your

>>> 'logic'!

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>>> Phil

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>> The Harvard professor said "women lack natural ability in some fields".

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> He said a lot more than that but YOU in common with those who are seeking to

> repress any scientific findings which do not support their prejudice jump on

> out of context 'quotes' as if that was the whole argument that was made – for

- > *example in the same article it is reported ""It's possible I made some*
- > *reference to innate differences," he said.He said people "would prefer to*
- > *believe" that the differences in*
- > *performance between the sexes are due to social factors, "but these are things*
- > *that need to be studied." Even so if it is TRUE (and there is a question about*
- > *that for we are depending on absolute accuracy in reporting here!) that he*
- > *made those remarks (i.e. "women lack natural ability in some fields".) then*
- > *in your response it is clear that you have taken the most extreme and*
- > *ridiculous meaning of that phrase in your attempts to 'debunk' it. For when we*
- > *say (talking about the sexes in the mass or plural level) there are*
- > *differences in men and womens 'spatial abilities' it is not meant to mean that*
- > *EVERY single mam has different or superior spatial skills to every single*
- > *woman. that is why your anecdotal example is completely worthless in the*
- > *context of this discussion*
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- > *Phil*

He said what he said. I offer no apologies or excuses for my response. I know many women who are successful scientists and mathematicians, and who are quite brilliant at what they do. If he (or you, for that matter) has a problem with women, perhaps he should try to understand them instead of making off-the-wall stupid remarks that he cannot scientifically or socially justify.

Oh, and please define "mam" in the context of your post, above.