



THIS RIDDLE WILL SHOW YOU IF YOU ARE GENDER BIAS

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Abstract

Gender bias is prominent be it work or home. This bias was not even identified until it was pointed out after the survey. The purpose of this survey is to make people realize our brain overthinks or gets manipulated easily even when the answer is just stating the obvious.

Research

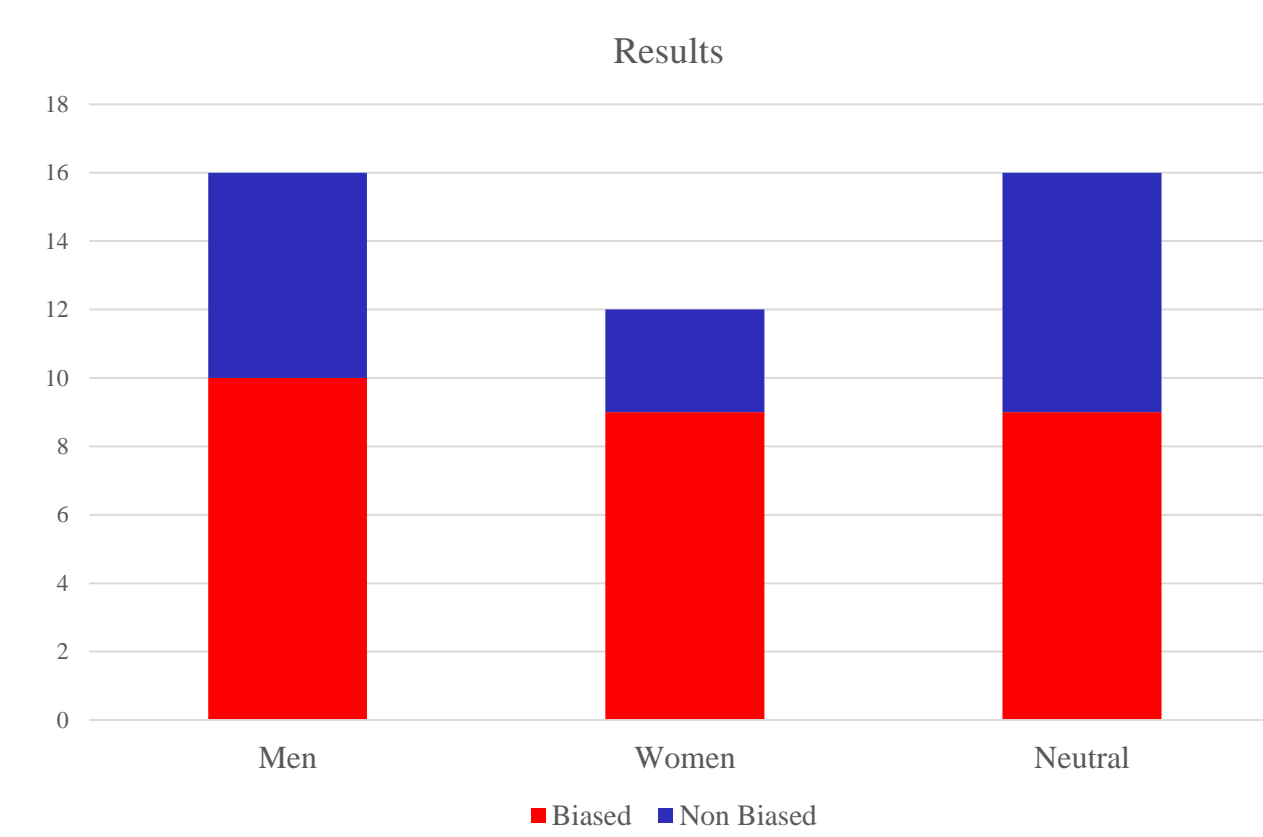
A survey was conducted among 44 graduate and undergraduate students from University of Bridgeport with a set 3 of questions. Each student was given 1 of the 3 question at random to answer. The questionnaire is as follows:

- A father and his son are in a car accident. The father dies at the scene and the son is rushed to the hospital. At the hospital the surgeon looks at the boy and says, "I can't operate on this boy, he is my son." How can this be?
- A mother and daughter are in a car accident. The mother dies at the scene and the daughter is rushed to the hospital. At the hospital the nurse looks at the girl and states "I cannot treat this patient because she is my daughter". How can this be?
- A parent and child are in a car accident. The parent dies at the scene and the child is rushed to the hospital. At the hospital the

surgeon looks at the child and says, "I can't operate on this person, this is my child." How can this be?

Results

The results were as follows:



Answers:

1. Mother is the surgeon.
2. Father is the nurse.
3. Either of the parent.

The answers from the survey were pretty interesting for the male bias, people's answers were biological father, step father, son was adopted or the son was already dead. In the female bias answers it was similar adopted daughter, step mother or god mother. When it came to gender neutral scenarios the answers were male dominate like father, grandfather and Steve.

Business Context

Men and women always tend to be looked at differently even if they are doing the exact same task.

Women are always presumed to be emotional, so they are purposely given those kinds of jobs. But if they refuse to do these jobs or opt for a different

task, they are judged and perceived to be rebellious and malicious.

Women are also interrupted during meetings, they are given least credit during group discussions, and team projects, especially when working with men.

It is also said that women get promoted on their performance and men get promotion based on their potential. (Gender Bias, 2015)

Conclusion

The results that came up were shocking because the survey participants were college students who are well qualified and with good economic background, still the results were biased. Gender bias happens everywhere right from job application to the salary structure to job appraisal. This riddle makes us think, are we making unbiased or right decision all the time?

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