

TOP Published on September 7, 2018 comments 367 Academic Activists Send a Published Paper Down the Memory Hole written by Theodore P. Hill In the highly controversial area of human intelligence, the 'Greater Male Variability Hypothesis' (GMVH) asserts that there are more idiots and more geniuses among men than among women. However, a Freedom of Information request subsequently revealed that Penn State WIM administrator Diane Henderson ("Professor and Chair of the Climate and Diversity Committee") and Nate Brown ("Professor and Associate Head for Diversity and Equity") had secretly co-signed a letter to the NSF that same morning. Unaware of this at the time, and eager to err on the side of compromise, Sergei and I agreed to remove the acknowledgement as requested. At least, we thought, the paper was still on track to be published. But, that same day, the Mathematical Intelligencer's editor-in-chief Marjorie Senechal notified us that, with "deep regret," she was rescinding her previous acceptance of our paper. When I eventually received a formal response in late April, it was a somewhat terse official letter from the vice-provost informing me that an inquiry had found no evidence of "academic fraud" and that, consequently, "the charges have been dismissed." But I had made no allegation of academic fraud. I had alleged "unprofessional, uncollegial, and unethical conduct damaging to my professional reputation and to the reputation of the University of Chicago."