

Correct me if I'm Wrong But...

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Do we really want to hire a doctor based on their gender and/or the color of their skin? I can understand that women would prefer a female gynecologist or psychiatrist (but not always) and that men might prefer a male urologist or psychiatrist (but not always), but other than that—really? Would you want to have someone who was falsely graded in college and medical school perform surgery on you? Would you hire an athlete or an opera singer who was graded on a forced curve and who can't exactly hit the ball or the high notes?

And while I'm at it: Why are female athletes so poorly represented in the almost male-only Sports pages? And why so few statues of distinguished women in public places? Is anyone writing or marching about this?