The Genius of Hollywood

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

In recent years, it has become fashionable to possess a high IQ. It is, then, no big surprise that recent years have also seen a massive surge in public figures reported IQ scores. Of particular interest to the authors are the claims of those in the entertainment industry.

One needs not look terribly hard in order to stumble across news articles, both in traditional media and the tabloid press, claiming to posses a list of the smartest celebrities. Interestingly enough, in the authors' experience, such articles rarely provide evidence for their claims.

As such, the authors determined that it would be an interesting exercise to examine the implications of the truth of these reported IQ scores. There are 3,000 seats at the academy awards—so what is the probability of random chance alone bringing such an assortment of geniuses into the same room? That is the question this study hopes to answer.

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