Women in Science, By Lawrence Summers

Philip D. Kim

ID: 108508736

Women in Mathematics, Science & Engineering California State University, Northridge

FALL 2020

Lawrence Summers (born November 30, 1954), former preseident, where he is currently a professor and director at Harvard University had quite a contraversial matter regarding women being underrepresented in science and engineering. Summers defended his statement on why women have lesser capability to accel in certain fields like science and engineering. He stated three main points each respectively ordered; high-powered job hypothesis, availability of aptitude, and socialization of discrimination.[1]

In describing what exactly is a high-powered job, are jobs that require higher amount of working hours whether you're in the office or not. Certain jobs require leadership roles such as Chief Executive Offices at major corporations. Typeically, these are jobs predomiantly by men and not women because women "choose" to be pregenat.

His second hypothesis, probably caused the most controversy, stated the availability of aptitude.

Lastly, socialization and pattern of discrimination.

My viewpoints on this matter

In conclusion, it was in Summers best interest to resign as Harvard's Preseident.

References

[1] PBS NewsHour. Engineering: Harvard President Summers' Remarks About Women in Science. 2005. URL: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/science-jan-june05-summersremarks_2-22.