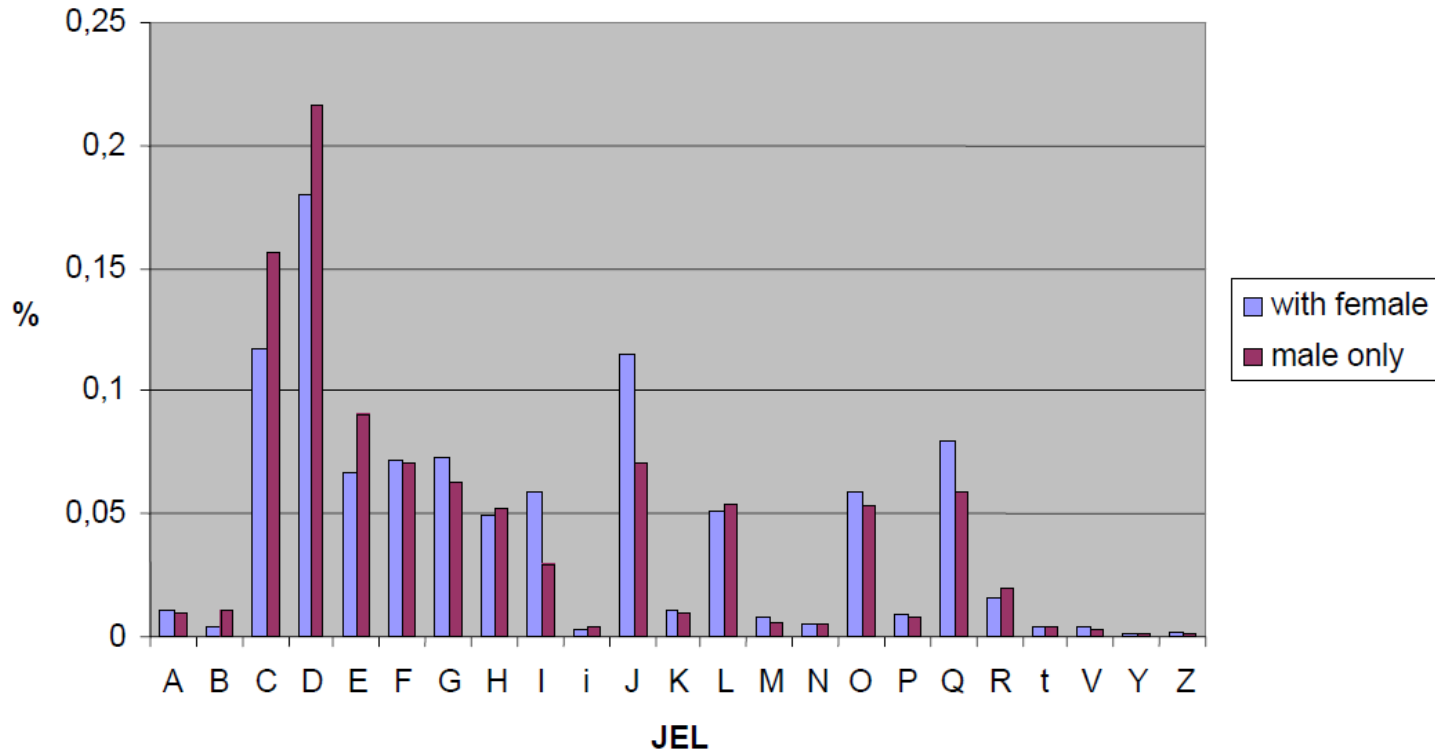# Exogenous difference in taste between gender?

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Opinions among economists about policy are different across gender

- May, McGarvey, and Whaples (2014) looked at a survey of 143 AEA members with doctoral degrees from US institutions: male and female economists have different views on economic outcomes and policies, even after controlling for vintage of PhD and type of employment.

- Women economists are...

  - 21 percentage points more likely to disagree that the U.S. has excessive government regulation

  - 32 percentage points more likely to agree with making the distribution of income more equal

  - 30 percentage points more likely to agree that the United States should link import openness to labor standards

  - 42 percentage points more likely to disagree that labor market opportunities are equal for men and women.

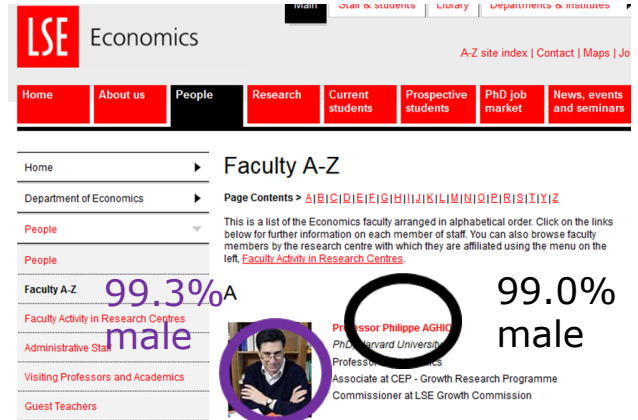- The prevailing range of views among economists is biased by the relative lack of women

Attempt to « fix » the pb can make it worse

- An analysis of data on all assistant professors hired at top-50 economics departments from 1985 to 2004 found that gender-neutral policies to stop the tenure clock for new parents substantially reduce female tenure rates while substantially increasing male tenure rates (Antecol, Bedard, and Stearns 2016).

- Desire to have women and minority representation on committees may explain why women faculty are asked to provide more service, as a survey of 1,399 members of US political science departments found (Mitchell and Hesli 2013).

- Women associate professors spend far more time on service than do male associates, with estimates of the differential ranging from 2-5 hours a week, in studies of faculty in science and engineering at top research universities (Link, Swann, and Bozeman 2008) and in various disciplines at a large public university (Misra, Lundquist, and Templer 2011).

Collecting data!

Gender Monitoring of European Economics

- WinE with the University of Frankfort has launched an initiative to monitor gender balance in economics in Europe

- Web-based tool provides online access to information about positions in Europe

- Stores historical information since 2000

- Allows economics department to benchmark itself to varying users – stakeholders

- Automatically scrapes websites of academic institutions every 24 hours

- Identifies title, first name and last name

- Determines gender by:
  - Name recognition
  - Face recognition

99.3% male

99.0% male