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TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC" GENDER BIAS? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!



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Here's what provoked me:

A writer obviously has to infuse bias, hatred, or discrimination in her evaluation of almost everything. It drives her nuts I'm sure. Well, her style drove me nuts as well!

Here's my response:

Gender Bias? You've Got to Be Kidding!

A writer on April 11 struggles with "mixed reactions to Bernie Sanders' statement that Hillary Clinton is not qualified to be president because of her vote for the Iraq war" ("Gender bias and decisions on war"). The writer and Sanders both strongly opposed the Iraq war but the issue of "gender bias" sneaks into the evaluation. If Sanders is attacking Clinton on this point, how come isn't he taking after Joe Biden, John Edwards, and John Kerry for their original vote to engage Iraq militarily, wonders the writer. It must be gender bias!

It's amazing to me how subtle nuances lead to harsh accusations of bias (as well as hatred, discrimination, or some sort of phobia in other situations). If this question must be asked, perhaps the writer should search for the easiest explanation, which in this case is the right answer. Bernie Sanders is running against Hillary Clinton for the democratic presidential nomination - Biden, Edwards, and Kerry aren't in the race. Pretty simple! As Charlie Brown would say: "OH, GOOD GRIEF!"

