Fritz presented about Gould’s essay “Women’s Brains”

* Asked a series of questions related to claims of value / fact…

Eble: Anything else worth mentioning?

Kyle Zimmerman—personal opinions? Third quiz question?

* KZ: He laid out each side of the argument, agreed with Montessori..
* Verrilli: not right in saying that women’s brains were better than men’s…
* Tory Worobetz: Made the connection with E.O. Wilson… Drew a more Rogerian argument in the last paragraph.
* Eble: How so?
* Tory: Not necessarily one is completely right or wrong… but presents a “third path”
* Eble: Does that answer the quiz question?
* KZ: Balanced opinion…
* Bruns: Throughout—biography… paleontologist.
* Eble: Explained pronoun use within the essay—identifying with each group.
* Verrilli: Clarified—scientific discussion, not philosophical.
* Tory: Location on earth, traditional evolutionary roles.
* KZ: Women were considering protecting themselves, women…
* Verrilli: More intellectual job…

Eble: Anything else?

Fritz:

* Lengthy quotations early in the essay?
* Individuals—Broca, Manouvrier, Le Bon, Montessori—contribute to development of argument?
* Gould—one or several claims throughout?
* After reading the essay and hearing this information, what are your opinions on male versus intellectual superiority?

Tory: Only way to express it best is via research, not just own experience.

Danny Bruns: Lengthy quotes—provide a better picture of the times… helps when he’s going through, explaining people at the time.

* Eble: Scientists at the time…

KZ: Explained difficulty of long passages.

Worobetz: Idea of science books.

* Eble: Other science reading?
* Schlueter: Literally the most boring reading present.
* KZ: Difficulties of textbook learning.
* Schlueter: Takes two hours to read 15 pages. Or you could just have it taught to you.
* Eble: So…what distinguishes this from other science texts?
* Verrilli: More of a literary voice…
* KZ: Place where it’s published = more palatable.
* Verrilli: Just explaining research…. Then caricatured science reading…

Tory: Which ones did you find most interesting?

* KZ: Broca made sense… I fell into his trap of following his narration… liked Montessori’s the most.
* Eble: Why?
* KZ: She’s an underdog… women are being (Verrilli: Marginalized)…
* Verrilli: But she makes the assumption that women’s brains are bigger than men. She’s a dissenting voice.
* Schlueter: Interesting how biased each one was. Spoke about the scientific method.
* Fritz: Favorite = Manouvrier and theology?

Eble: What does “favorite” mean?

* Tory Worobetz: Memorable…
* Eble: All of these folks were wrong…

Fritz: Le Bon?

* Verilli / KZ made jokes…
* Fritz: Any substance?
* Schlueter: Use the science to prove the societal norm.
* Verrilli: Cited *Django Unchained*… using science, but not productive.
* KZ: Men fighting to prove that men were smarter, and vice-versa…
* Eble: Is that Gould’s claim?
* KZ: Maybe…
* Eble: Asked—claim of value or claim of policy?
* Tory: Can you be unbiased?
* Verrilli: Are women smarter than men? Asking that question is difficult.
* Schlueter: Intelligence…
* Verrilli: Outliers… distinguished women… can argue that men / women can get to certain levels? **Quincy picked at his computer didn’t do anything…**
* Schlueter: Made a connection to students at urban schools versus Moeller students—opportunities.
* KZ: Street smarts, how to live and how to survive… book smarts versus schooling…
* Eble: Objection—Red Herring… how does this connect?
* Schlueter: Can’t compare men, women during this time
* Verrilli: Proposition: Wait until women get to “the same” level of equality as men… getting paid more / less.
* Pell-mell discussion about equality with men / women (Bugada, Schlueter…)

Fritz: Addressed gender versus sex.

Eble: Explained gender versus sex (male / female versus men / women)…

Verrilli: Discussed sexuality…separate, but accepted as separate.

Kyle Zimmerman: Asked for clarity…

Eble: Biological versus social…

Schlueter:

KZ: Gender stereotypes…

Verrilli: Image of men, idea of society impressing these roles…

Bugada: Fritz—talking about brain size. Reminded me of Mark Gungor… talk between men, women’s brains…

Schlueter: Discussion about sophomore year—biology, sex… how does gender come into play?

Bruns: Nature versus nurture? Psychology experiment…

Verrilli: Discussed circumcision, imposed social norm about gender, whereas the sex was different. Gender identity versus sex.

* Eble: *Go Tigers!* Long-winded question… is it dangerous, injurious to make broad-based claims about biological value based on groups?
* Verrilli / Zimmerman: Question of no danger…?
* Schlueter: What about hermaphrodites?

Fritz: Last paragraph = implicit claim of policy. Claims of fact in disproving other theorists. Claims of value with each scientist’s statements. **Then,** fallacy of logos, then a claim of value… if you shut down a claim of value, you have to make a new claim of value (likewise with policy).

* Eble: Questioned?
* Fritz: Making a claim of fact…
* Eble: Claim of policy… do you have to make a new claim of value?

Tory: My opinions here… men and women are equal, should be treated… overall, intellectually, there are slight differences. Everyone is surviving because of medicine. In the past, straight men produced… people are surviving more. We have to accept people for who they are—things are out of our moral powers.

* KZ: When I read this, I was thinking that this article would make one definitive claim. We can’t deny women…
* Schlueter: It depends on the situation. I don’t know why this is… looking at engineering… 75% of them are men.
* Tyler Himes: Girls in the program can keep up with men.
* Schlueter: The numbers aren’t equal… are men smarter in one way…
* Eble: Read from Gould, discussed circular logic…
* Schlueter agreed…

Himes: Hypothetically… spoke about Smita, the second smartest woman I know…

Eble: Caregiving in women versus men?

* Tory:
* Verrilli: I’ll say this… I’ve known women who are shit mothers… I’ve known guys who are shit fathers. That doesn’t mean that… Nature versus nurture discussion.
* Schlueter: Man, woman given the same circumstance… I still think that a woman would be better?
* Bugada: Caregivers…thinking about my mom—more compassionate.
* Himes: No matter how good of caregivers you have, you might have more of a sentimental, biological connection to your mother…

Fritz: Average difference not significant enough to cause someone to be smarter, especially with outliers. Brain size, brain size… nature versus nurture.

KZ: Todd Naumann… Asians being smarter…

Eble: Virginia Woolf…

Verrilli: Why do we put boundaries between genders?

KZ: Why are we so quick to find blanket statements?

Eble: What are the implications… policy, health care, family?

Schlueter: Why?