

**THE FEATURES OF GENDER DISTRIBUTION  
OF THE EDUCATIONAL STUDENT ENVIRONMENT  
(ON THE EXAMPLE OF UNIVERSITY AFTER MARIA  
CURIE-SKLODOVSKA)**

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On the example of the University after Maria Curie-Sklodovska with a help of thesis are analyzed the peculiarities of gender distribution of student's audience and are highlighted gender stereotypes that are characteristic of modern youth.

There is a stereotype that men have more logical thinking than women. But what about famous women mathematicians and physicists as Helen Popova Anderson, Tatyana Afanasyeva, Maria Curie-Sklodovska, Rosalind Franklin etc? We decided to check if this myth about the superiority of analytical thinking of men exists in Poland. It may be a surprise for our time but on the Faculty of Economics there is more women than men. We asked some male economy students what do they think about women's logical thinking and why do we have more female than male on Faculty of Economics. There are some responses:

- «Actually I guess that men have more developed logic and we can be more progressive in such lessons as math for economists or econometrics. But as I see women now are more ambitious.

For example, if woman has a choice to get mark «3» for her work and to be free or to write/learn additional material for a higher mark, then in 90% she will choose the second option. In the case with man we have opposite situation, most likely he would say «thank you» for mark «3».

- «It is interesting that with every generation the role of women changes. If in the 19<sup>th</sup> century women could only be a mother and a wife, then now they can be doctors, politics, soldiers, scientists and so on. Now women in Poland are real career makers, they want to prove that female can do the same job as male do, to have an important status in society».

- «As I am looking at my siblings I can sum up and make some conclusions for myself. Two sisters of mine have humanitarian specialties and my brother and me have technical specialties. I do not want to say that such division lives in every family and in every country but my family shows me this statistics. That is why I agree with the statement that we as men have more developed logical thinking».

Analyzing answers of male students we can realize that way of thinking is different according to their personal experiences. As we see not all of men believe in stereotypes.

As well we collected some opinions of women studying at Faculty of Economics. That is what they told us:

- «Men's and women's way of thinking is different. It does not mean that someone is better or worse. To my mind, both male and female have rational (but again it depends on a person) but men usually look at the situation in general and we more pay attention on details. Yes, details are important for women not only in routine but also in every aspect of our life. We love to measure, to weigh all of the positive and negative sides even every little thing».

- «To be honest I do not know what this change in society due to is. Probably it is connected with a different mentality, culture of our generation or with this fact that we have «a fight for life». What about me, I do not want to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, I want to make a significant contribution in economical development».

- «Recently my friend shocked me saying that it is so ridiculous and funny that he works as a general accountant, because it is «woman's job». In percentage majority of accountants are female and it is true but it does not make this profession female. And so often I hear that «the best cooks, hairdressers and stylists are men»».

In addition to, in UMCS used to be a discussion of a gender problem. The reason was the rule that if man and woman got the same result for prelim, than woman will be accepted to the university. A lot of people perceived it as a gender discrimination and were so outraged. Workers of Faculty of Informatics explained that this way of selection was made because of the low percentage of female students of this faculty. Aneta Adamska explains: «An accepting the criterion of sex during recruiting appears from the need of paying attention on Basics of equality of chances of men and women in projects financed with EU».

So, based on the information written above, we can note that in majority view of today's youth depends on a family and specifically on principles put in a person since childhood. Today we stay can see stereotypical way of thinking of Polish students but it is so much different comparing to previous generations.

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