

## NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

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41. Roosh V, “What Is Neomascularity?” It is both amusing and distressing to note that a group of people so deeply influenced by Friedrich Nietzsche can so plainly express *ressentiment* and bad conscience. As Nietzsche wrote, “But thus I counsel you my friends: mistrust all in whom the drive to punish is strong!” Friedrich Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, eds. Adrian del Caro and Robert B. Pippin, trans. Adrian del Caro (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), p. 77.



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43. Roosh V, “What Is Neomascularity?”

44. Roosh V, “What Is Neomascularity?”

45. Roosh V, “What Is Neomascularity?” For evidence, Roosh links to an overview of a University of Pennsylvania Medicine study that found neurological differences between men and women that were theorized to be connected to men’s superior performance at learning and performing single tasks and women’s superior performance at memory and social cognition. It is worth noting that this was a preliminary, not a conclusive, study, and that the differences were much more pronounced in people over the age of fourteen and thus are potentially due in part to nurture. Given our knowledge of neural plasticity, it is reading against the grain of contemporary neurology to so brashly assume that these neurological differences are due solely to genetic factors rather than the internalization of gender roles through nurture. See Madhura Ingallhalikar, Alex Smith, Drew Parker, Theodore D. Satterthwaite, Mark A. Elliott, Kosha Ruparel, Hakon Hakonarson, Raquel E. Gur, Ruben C. Gur, and Ragini Verma, “Sex Differences in the Structural Connectome of the Human Brain,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 111, no. 2 (January 14, 2014): 823–828.

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express a bit more humility about the limits of their personal knowledge when it comes to sex, gender, and sexuality, especially when they are not trained experts in genetics, neurology, or any other field they are cherry-picking their supporting evidence from.

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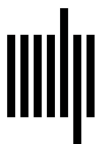
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