

Communications

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

John S. Robey's "Political Science Departments: Reputations Versus Productivity" (*PS*, Spring 1979) suffers from an elementary flaw: it assumes that both reputation (a "subjective" assessment) and productivity (an "objective" criterion) rest upon a mechanical counting of publications in the *APSR* and five regional political science journals.

For one thing, a department's reputation rests on any number of criteria, including institutional setting, resources, and (or course) scholarly productivity of its faculty in terms of books and monographs as well as of journal articles. To cite a solitary illustration, I venture the proposition that the publication of the two *World Handbooks* did more to enhance Yale's "reputation" than any number of articles in the six journals in question.

Moreover, all the six journals in question publish heavily in the field of American politics to the exclusion of comparative politics, international politics, and so on. Accordingly, a perusal of articles in, say, *World Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Conflict Resolution*, and *Peace Research* would likely yield entirely different results.

All the Robey piece tells me is that there is discrepancy between reputation and productivity IN THE FIELD OF AMERICAN POLITICS AS REVEALED IN PUBLICATION IN SIX JOURNALS THAT HAVE A HEAVY AMERICAN-POLITICS BIAS. Nothing more can be inferred.

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To the Editor:

Because of the inadvertent omission of Rutgers from the Spring, 1979 listing of women political scientists, I am writing to complete the record. There are more women in the New Brunswick Department of Political Science at Rutgers than at any university in the nation. They include one full professor, two tenured associate professors, and eight assistant professors, and constitute 25 percent of our total faculty. Obviously, we would like to do even more to fulfill the discipline's commitment to sexual equality. I would therefore appreciate publication of this correction in *PS*. Thank you for your cooperation.

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