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Language and Gender

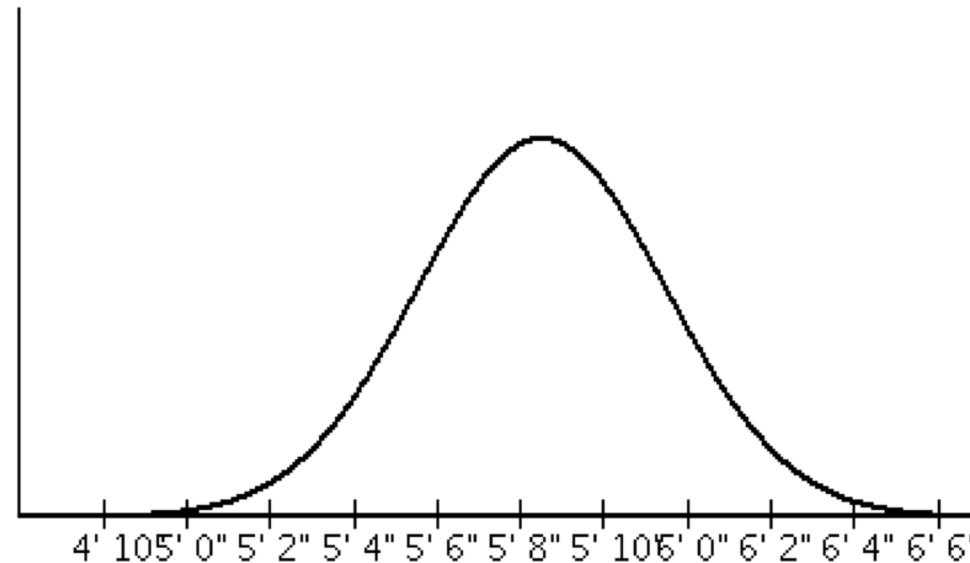
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Language is steeped with ideology

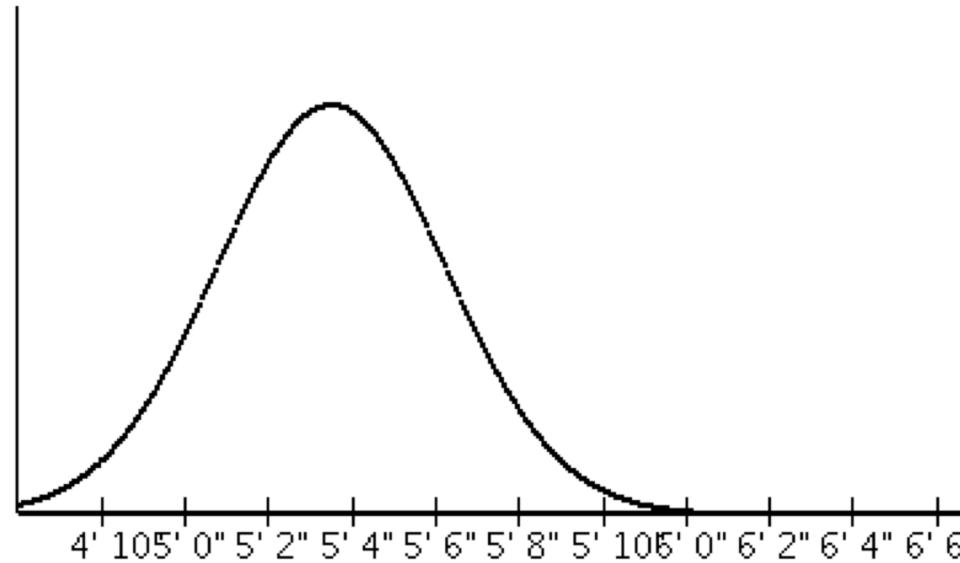
- Language creates and maintains hierarchy
 - Language and nation-building
 - Standardization
 - Access
 - Academics and the Corporate world
- So does gender ...
 - Creates exhaustive categories
 - Assigns rights and responsibilities
 - Creates “natural” justifications

men's height



The Binary

women's height



Why don't we see more heterosexual couples in which the woman is taller?