

There are interesting relationships between students from schools across the Boston area and today in class we discussed the possible reasons for the discriminations and judgments, which are often made. In addition to discussing how these distinct identities play out we also discussed the ways in which we as students from different groups build these generalizations and fuel the fire to a certain degree. In both reading the articles and partaking in the discussion in class I came to the realization that although I see myself as a nonjudgmental person in reality I actually played to the stereotype of MIT men who do everything from instantly friend zoning all those at MIT, find hookups at Wellesley and look for longer relationships from Harvard. In short this weeks discussion paired with the fact that I just ended a long distance long-term relationship has helped me reflect on the ways in which I treat women striving towards an unbiased nature; that being said I plan to completely steer from that game plan and talk a little about where and how my biases have manifested and a bit of justification in my experience of MIT girls.

MIT girls are great on paper, they are smart hard working, confident and have a great future expected value (the economist in me is coming out). However there is a reason why seven out of ten guys I know would rather date a girl who went just about anywhere else.

1- MIT girls are smart, this intelligence may scare some guys away and prove to be a bit intimidating, but that is not the problem for me. The biggest problem to me with MIT girls is this, the most common discussion at MIT consists of complaining about the insurmountable multitudes of work in which you and your fellow student are inevitably drowning beneath the weight of. I avoid this conversation at all costs. I really dislike how often and the degree to which people are stressed out at this school and the last thing I want when spending time with a girlfriend or a girl I am dating is to be surrounded by an equally stressful life in which complaints of tomorrows two psets and midterm floats to the top of conversation and effects all other aspects of the relationship.

2. MIT girls are very hardworking which is great, it will help them land the job in the lab or the spot in grad school but it will not get them a date with most guys while in

college. Simply said most guys want to spend time with their girlfriends and the more often girls at MIT work the less time they have to spend going on dates and forgetting about MIT. With two conflicting and really busy MIT schedules, trying to find time to spend together is few and far between. So selfishly; I would like the person who I spend the most time with to have a pretty open schedule.

3. The confidence issue and the MIT syndrome of inflated ego. There are pretty girls at MIT, I don't think many would disagree with that after I showed some examples. Most people at MIT come from a high school where their intelligence ostracized them to a certain degree, they come to MIT and for the first time in their life they are the hottest thing on campus. After a year of being told that you are a best in something, looks included the once humble freshman girl becomes a bit more entitled. The last problem I have with girls at MIT is simple supply and demand, the supply of girls who don't adhere to the problems I mentioned above are few, the demand is astronomical and the good ones are claimed quickly.

With the entire aforementioned aside, I am actually interested in a few girls at this school who I would like to date, yet finding those few is a difficult task and most here recognize the value of time. Why search for the needle in the haystack at MIT's 4,500 person school when you could have a much bigger haystack but with a thousand many needles in the Boston area.

-Thoughts from an honest MIT male,

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