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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Where are the Women's Voices?

I was really pleased to see the Health Section of the SOA call for essays on Visions for the Future of the U.S. Health Care System. It was a good way to call forth creativity and share leading-edge ideas. But when I look at the 29 essays chosen for publication, only one is by a woman. Why only one? Is it because women didn't participate in the same proportion as men? Was there a bias in choosing the essays for publication?

P.S. It would be useful to know the percentage of women in the health section, the number of essays submitted by women, and the total number of essays submitted (which I understand was about double what was published). I think that would help substitute facts for appearances and demonstrations for impressions. ■

—Caterina Lindman

Editor's Note: The Health Section Council chairperson addresses this question in her feature, *Chairperson's Corner*.

Call for Papers—Living to 100 Symposium IV

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