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Cognitive ability, stereotypes and gender segregation in the workplace

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Abstract

We carried out a survey among undergraduate students to investigate the role of gender stereotyping in the perception of female work and its consequences in terms of wage discrimination. Traditional female-oriented and male-oriented jobs are evaluated in terms of compensatory factors related to objective job's characteristics and wages are then assigned to jobholders. We find that males assign lower wages to jobs assigned to women while women do not discriminate but, in general, assign lower wages. Further, we find that even though males with high scores in a cognitive reflection test attribute, in general, higher wages they still discriminate women. Finally, we decompose the wage differential using the classical Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition and find that the wage gap can not be explained by differences in the productive characteristics of the workers.

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1. Introduction

There exists a vast body of theoretical literature and empirical evidence on both the gender pay gap and the gender segregation. Empirical analyses on the gender pay gap, see Blau and Kahn (2007) for a survey, provide evidence that, despite the fact that the difference in pay has decreased in the last decades, the component related to the productive characteristics of the workers explains a decreasing portion of the gap while the unexplained part is increasing.

Human capital models (see, e.g., Mincer and Polachek, 1974; Becker, 1985) attempt to provide an economic explanation for the pay gap. Statistical discrimination due to information asymmetries, (Phelps, 1972; Aigner and Cain, 1977), and taste discrimination, Becker (1957), represent additional explanations for the observed pay gap. Social psychologists have analyzed the interpersonal and intrapersonal processes related to wage settings. A well established result in this literature is the so-called “salary estimation effect” whereby women expect to receive lower wages for themselves than men do. For instance, after controlling for objective factors such as, for example, the field of specialization, Major and Konar (1984) find that females and males have substantially different pay expectations both at career entry level and career peak level Jackson et al. (1992) confirm that, irrespective of the worker’s occupational field, women have lower self-pay expectations than men.

The gender pay gap may also be influenced by cognitive processes such as stereotyping, i.e., beliefs about the attributes of a social group. To account for automatic stereotypes, Alksnis et al. (2008) use a clever timing of the questions in the survey design. First and without mentioning the sex of the worker, they ask survey’s participants to assess the required skills, the training and education profile, the responsibility and the working conditions of identical positions allocated in typically female and male jobs. Then, they ask to predict the salary of the jobholder and, only after this step has been carried out, to indicate the conjectured gender of the worker. They find significant evidence of jobs pay gap between typically female and male jobs which is interpreted as a consequence of occupational stereotyping.

In our study, we adopt a survey design similar to that used by Alksnis et al. (2008), extending their questionnaire to account for heterogeneity in cognitive abilities. Cognitive processes involve both automatic and deliberate components and cognitive reflection is a dimension of cognitive ability related to the ability to avoid giving, in simple questions, the (wrong) answer that almost automatically first comes to mind. The cognitive reflection test (CRT) proposed by Frederick (2005) is aimed exactly at highlighting the role played by the automatic component of the cognitive process. Since judgement based on stereotypes often occurs automatically, our goal is to verify if differences in the CRT are associated to the automatic use of gender information in the monetary evaluations of jobs.

The paper is organized as follows. In the next section we illustrate the survey design, provide a motivation for our choice of the questions included in the questionnaire and describe the rewarding scheme for participants. Section 3 is dedicated to the regression analysis of the collected data. Some concluding remarks are left to the last section.

2. Survey design

The survey has been carried out during the Spring semester 2012 in a medium sized Italian university in Northern Italy. The survey has been administered to first-year students enrolled in the Economics and Business Administration Departments at the end of a lecture in the second half of the semester. Students did not know that a survey would have taken place beforehand, once in class we just asked for their co-operation in a research project and they were told nothing about the topic of the survey.

Six different questionnaires have been randomly handed out in class. Following Alksnis et al. (2008), the questionnaires refer each to a different specific job in a specific sector (traditionally female- and male-oriented). At the beginning of the questionnaire a short description of the job is given. The description contains the duties and role of the person occupying that job and it is the same irrespective of whether the job is allocated in the traditional masculine or female sector. In particular, we have:

1. salesman/saleswoman in a hardware store (male sector) or in a clothing store (female sector)
2. teacher of computer science (male sector) or of foreign languages (female sector)
3. editor of an automobile journal (male sector) or of a cooking magazine (female sector)

In the first section of the questionnaire, students have to rate, using a 7-point scale, the job's objective characteristics according to four dimensions related to (i) skills and abilities required for the job, (ii) education and/or training level, (iii) responsibilities attributed to the worker and (iv) working conditions. Next, we ask students to state a plausible monthly wage for the person occupying the job. Given that students may not be very familiar with actual wages in the labor market, we provided six wage brackets from low to high wages and asked students to choose the most appropriate one¹.

Given that the questionnaire is, so far, neutral with respect to gender, it is likely that students had built their own mental representation of the worker identifying (implicitly) the underlying gender of the worker. The stated wage should therefore reflect the hypothesized gender of the imaginary worker and, whenever gender stereotypes are present, we should observe different salaries attributed to identical jobs when located in different sectors.

Students are then asked to choose the age and gender of the imaginary worker. This timing of the question (after the wage has been declared) is crucial for the survey and for the general idea of eliciting gender stereotypes. If gender stereotyping is present among students then they will imagine women (men) to perform the jobs allocated in the typically female sectors. If gender stereotypes also imply different wages, then students will assign lower wages to women than to men.

¹The six actual wage brackets proposed to the students: less than 700 €, 700-1000 €, 1000-1300 €, 1300-1800 €, 1800-2300 €, 2300-2800 €, more than 2800 €.

Finally, the questionnaire contains three questions to assess students' cognitive reflection ability, a particular dimension of cognitive ability. The three questions are taken from Frederick (2005):

1. *A bat and a ball cost 1.10 euro in total. The bat costs 1 euro more than the ball. How much does the ball cost? _____ cents*
2. *If it takes 5 machines 5 minutes to make 5 widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets? _____ minutes*
3. *In a lake, there is a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch double in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake? _____ days*

Since cognitive reflection is related to the ability to resist the impulse to provide the “wrong” answer that first comes to mind, we conjecture that students with a high score in the cognitive ability section might be less prone to be subject to stereotypes and judgement based on them.

We also use this section of the questionnaire to provide students with an incentive to answer correctly. Before the questionnaires were handed out, students were told that one of them could win a monetary prize (10 euros) by carefully filling in the questionnaire. We did not make any specific mention to a particular section of the questionnaire. After all the students had handed in the questionnaires, one student was chosen from the audience to randomly draw one of the questionnaires. If the randomly drawn questionnaire had correct answers to all three cognitive ability questions, then the associated student would get the prize. If not, a second questionnaire would have been drawn, the answer checked and the prize awarded if they were correct. The process continued until a questionnaire with correct answers was drawn.

3. Empirical results

We start our analysis with some descriptive statistics. First of all, looking at the agreement between the dominant gender of the job and the gender assigned by the respondent, we find that 90% of the student assign traditional female jobs to females while 85% of traditional male jobs are assigned to males. Hence, gender stereotypes are pervasive among men and women. Disaggregated results can be found in Table 1, where the accordance with the suggested stereotype is clear for both male and female students with one exception, the editor of specialized magazines. In fact, male (female) students are more likely to think that the editor of an automobile (food) magazine is a male (female) than female (male) students are likely to think of. Thus, it seems that when respondents are faced with high prestige jobs, gender stereotyping is reinforced within the respondents' gender but not across it.

The extent of sex segregation across jobs induced by our survey design can be appreciated by computing the simple index of dissimilarity proposed by Duncan and Duncan (1955) given by $D = 0.5 \sum_j \left| \frac{P_{Fj}}{P_F} - \frac{P_{Mj}}{P_M} \right|$, where P_{Fj} is the number of females allocated to job j , P_F is

the total number of female employed, P_{Mj} is the number of males allocated to job j and P_M is the total number of male employed. In our data, the dissimilarity index D is equal to 74.95, testifying a great deal of sex segregation across jobs. It can be interpreted as follows: if we want to obtain an exactly identical distribution of gender across jobs then about 75% of the workforce should moved from one sector to another one. The high value of the sex segregation index indicates that respondents are truly using stereotypes when assigning the gender to the jobholder and that our strategy of asking the salary before asking the sex of the worker may be able to elicit the implied wage gap due to stereotypes.

Students evaluate the jobs' characteristics using nine items related to four different dimensions of the jobs using a 7-points ascending scale. Some descriptive statistics are reported in Table 2. The pattern arising from this table is that, as one may expect, as the job tends to require higher ability or skills, students' evaluation of the compensatory factors increase. Thus, students seem to be able to evaluate the distinctive feature of the jobs and to rank them. In Table 3 we report t -tests of no (mean) differences in jobs' evaluation by student's gender. In our sample no significant differences arise in the subjective evaluation of objective characteristics.

Table 4 provides evidence that female students tend to assign to the hypothetical worker described in the questionnaire lower wages than males. The mean wage assigned to males by men and women is given by 1603.43 euros and 1432.26 euros, respectively, and a t test on the equality of mean wage is equal to 2.18, rejecting the null hypothesis at a 5% significance level. The mean wages assigned by female students to men and women are given by 1432.55 and 1469.82 euros, respectively, confirming the stylized fact that female students assign lower wages than males do. They same pattern of results obtain if we use the target (or dominant) gender in the occupation in place of the assigned gender, as there is strong correlation between dominant gender and assigned gender due to stereotyping.

As for the cognitive reflection questions, see Table 5, the distribution of the answers is comparable to that reported in Frederick (2005), where the mean percentage of people who scored 3 out of 3 questions is 17% (with a minimum of 5% and a maximum of 48%) and the mean percentage who scored 0 out of 3 questions is 33% (from a minimum of 7% to a maximum of 64%). Our results indicate that about 26% of the students answer correctly to all three questions and slightly less than 20% provide no correct answer. On the whole, our findings are fully coherent with those obtained by Frederick (2005).

Regression results

The regression analysis is carried out estimating the simple model

$$w_i = \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \gamma \text{Gender}_i + u_i$$

where w_i is the log wage, \mathbf{x}_i is a vector of control variables such as the \hat{d}_j compensatory factors related to the job's objective characteristics and labor market experience proxied by age and its square, Gender is a dummy variable equal to 1 when the actually assigned gender by students is female or, in a different specification, when the target gender (dominant gender in the occupation) is female. The associated coefficient γ can be interpreted as the gender

wage differential in stated wages. Since males and females may be subject to a different degree of gender stereotypes, we run separate regressions for the two subgroups participants. Given that students are asked to assign a wage in predetermined wage brackets, our dependent variable is interval-coded. Given the nature of the data, we estimate the model by the interval regression estimation method, which is an ordered probit model with fixed (not estimated) cut points (Wooldridge, 2010).

Since respondents provide ordinal evaluation of the job's objective characteristics we have a set of ordinal qualitative independent variables. We transform these ordinal qualitative regressors following the approach suggested by Terza (1987). For each item related to the job's objective characteristics we have J discrete categories with values $d_j, j = 1, \dots, J$ and we observe d_j if $\mu_{j-1} < d^* < \mu_j$, where d^* is a latent unobserved continuous variable. Let p_j be the observed frequency for each category of the ordinal variable d_j and assume that the latent unobserved variable d^* has a standard normal distribution. Then, p_j can be estimated as $\hat{p}_j = \Phi(\mu_j) - \Phi(\mu_{j-1})$, where $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the distribution function of the standard Normal. Following (Terza, 1987; Maddala, 1983), the conditional expectation of d^* is given by $\hat{d}_j = E(d^* | \mu_{j-1} < d^* < \mu_j) = [\phi(\mu_{j-1}) - \phi(\mu_j)] / \hat{p}_j$ where $\phi(\cdot)$ is the probability density function of the standard Normal. We shall use the estimated \hat{d}_j in place of the d_j in the regression analysis.

Table 6 contain regression results (using heteroskedasticity robust standard errors). Odd numbered columns refer to the male subgroup while even numbered columns refer to the female one. In each estimated model we include among the regressors the dummy *Gender*, which is equal to 1 if the job is assigned to a female and zero otherwise. In all columns some of job compensatory dimensions as well as the proxies for experience are statistically significant, with females placing a stronger weight on the "undemanding vs. demanding" working conditions and, as expected, wages increase with age but at a diminishing rate.

In column (1) and (2) we estimate the base model. The estimated coefficient of the *Gender* dummy variable in the male subgroup is negative and highly significant while it is not statistically different from zero in the female subgroup. The estimated wage gap in the male subgroup amounts to -11.7% which is not only statistically significant but also sizeable in economic terms. Since all respondents assign the wage to the job before answering the question on the gender of the jobholder, this wage gap may be interpreted as wage discrimination due to gender stereotypes and, in particular, it reflects men's bias towards jobs tagged as women's ones. Thus, even though both males and females are subject to gender stereotypes when assigning gender to jobs, only men value less jobs typically performed by women.

Does cognitive ability play a role in our results? As already said, cognitive reflection measures "the ability or disposition to resist reporting the response that first comes to mind" and it seems particularly relevant when studying the role of stereotypes and its impact on jobs' monetary evaluation. Columns (3) and (4) report regression results when the dummy variable *CRT*, equal to 1 if the respondent has answered correctly to the three the cognitive reflection questions and 0 otherwise, and the interaction term *CRT*Gender* are added as

regressors. In the subgroup of men, the coefficient on *Gender* is just significant at a 10% level, the coefficient on the *CRT* dummy is positive, large (14.6%) and significant while the interaction term is not significantly different from zero. Thus, low ability men as well as high ability men are affected by gender stereotypes. However, given that we are not able to reject the null hypothesis that the sum of the *Gender*, *CRT* and interaction term coefficient is equal to zero (p-value=73%), the wage assigned to women by high ability men is higher than the wage assigned to women by low ability men and is comparable to the wage assigned to men by low ability men.

No effect is found for the female subgroup. These results suggest that male individuals with higher cognitive reflection score, thus more likely to resist the inclination to report the answer that first comes to mind, are subject to gender stereotyping as much as low ability men while women are not affected by stereotyping, regardless of the cognitive reflection ability.

In Table 7, we estimate the same model by the interval regression method using the dominant gender in the job in place of the gender assigned by the participant. Using the dominant gender, in the base model we continue to find that male students assign lower wages to jobs performed by females (column (1)) while women do not. When the performance in the cognitive reflection test is added, then low ability men assign lower wages to typically female jobs, high ability men assign higher wages irrespective of the dominant gender in the occupation and, as in Table (6), they assign lower wages to typically female jobs, comparable to those assigned to typically male jobs by low ability males.

Oaxaca-Blinder decomposition

A classical statistical approach to the analysis of the gender wage gap is the decomposition method proposed by (Blinder, 1973; Oaxaca, 1973). According to this approach, a separate wage equation is estimated for each different group (males and females)

$$w_{gi} = \mathbf{x}'_{gi}\boldsymbol{\beta}_g + u_{gi}$$

where $g = A, B$ (A stands for the males group and B for the females group). The wage gap is then decomposed in the fraction related to differences in the control variables or in the productive characteristics between the two groups (the so-called “endowment” component) and the unexplained part capturing differences in the estimated coefficients which is usually attributed to discrimination

$$\bar{w}_B - \bar{w}_A = (\bar{\mathbf{x}}_A - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_B)' \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_A + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_A - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_B)' \bar{\mathbf{x}}_B \equiv \text{Endowment} + \text{Unexplained}$$

Given our findings that males tend to assign lower wages to female, using the Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition we try to measure the portion of this wage gap that can be explained in term of perceived differences in the productive characteristics of workers and the portion that remains unexplained. Results are reported in Table 8. Control variables include the compensatory factors, the *CRT* dummy and the interaction term. The estimated male-female wage gap is about 7.6% both using the gender assigned to the job and the dominant gender in the job.

The wage gap can be decomposed in an endowment effect, which is close to zero and not statistically significant, and in the unexplained part, which account for almost all the stated wage gap, and it is usually referred as the discrimination effect. Thus, a large portion of the stated wage differential remains unexplained after conditioning on the set of control variables and the individual cognitive ability.

4. Conclusions

In this paper we have investigated the role of gender stereotyping in the perception of female work and its consequences in terms of wage differential. We find that, in general, females tend to assign lower wages than males. We also find that males assign lower wages to jobs assigned to women while women are not affected by stereotypes. Since gender is assigned to the jobholder after the wage has been set, we interpret the observed wage differential as wage discrimination due to gender stereotypes. We also find that high ability men are affected by stereotypes given that they assign to women wages lower than those assigned to men. Finally, using the classical Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition we find that the wage gap can not be explained by differences in the productive characteristics of the workers.

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Table 1: Target and Stereotyped Gender by Gender (percentage)

Job	Stereotyped Gender	Participant gender	
		Male	Female
Clerk	Female (Clothing)	85.3%	100%
	Male (Hardware)	96%	83.3%
Teacher	Female (Foreign Languages)	87.8%	100%
	Male (Computer Science)	86.7%	93.5%
Editor	Female (Food)	67.7%	100%
	Male (Cars)	94.9%	54.84%

Table 2: Compensatory factors - Means by Job

Factors	Clerk				Teacher				Editor			
	Hardware		Clothes		Comp.	Science	Foreign Languages		Cars		Cuisine	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Skills1	3.93	1.22	4.08	1.26	5.56	1.15	5.15	1.14	5.51	0.97	5.67	0.87
Skills2	3.78	1.24	4.32	1.04	5.42	0.81	5.52	1.12	5.52	0.82	5.70	0.76
Educ1	3.43	0.93	3.73	0.89	5.68	0.99	5.08	1.05	5.43	1.07	5.38	1.11
Educ2	3.81	1.48	4.65	1.44	5.78	0.96	5.74	1.08	5.24	1.19	5.80	1.21
Educ3	3.26	1.03	3.85	1.06	5.15	1.02	5.13	0.99	5.11	0.95	5.17	0.92
Resp1	5.2	1.45	5.47	1.17	5.62	1.33	5.72	1.25	6.00	1.22	5.89	0.93
Resp2	4.81	1.42	4.95	1.27	5.14	1.16	4.92	1.32	5.76	1.06	5.48	1.07
Cond1	4.53	1.47	4.73	1.49	4.93	1.43	4.67	1.42	5.71	1.05	5.44	1.23
Cond2	4.24	1.41	4.01	1.41	5.26	1.08	5.03	1.20	6.08	0.90	5.83	1.14

Table 3: Two-sample *t*-test of no differences in job's evaluation (Mean)

	Assigned Gender			Participant Gender		
	Male	Female	<i>t</i> -ratio	Male	Female	<i>t</i> -ratio
Clothing	4.62	4.07	1.48	4.02	4.21	-0.92
Hardware	4.39	4.66	-0.81	4.04	4.69	-3.29
Foreign. Lang.	5.55	5.38	0.59	5.30	5.49	-1.43
Comp. Science	5.19	5.44	-0.95	5.29	5.14	0.93
Cuisine	5.45	5.62	-1.14	5.55	5.63	-0.80
Cars	5.6	5.58	0.09	5.51	5.68	-1.18

Table 4: Assigned Wage by Gender (percentage)

Assigned Gender	Participant gender	
	Male	Female
Female	1432.26	1469.82
Male	1603.43	1432.55
<i>t</i> -test	2.18	-0.50

Target Gender	Participant gender	
	Male	Female
Female	1438.44	1423.40
Male	1609.26	1447.95
<i>t</i> -test	2.09	0.33

Table 5: Cognitive Reflection Test Scores, by Gender

Mean CRT score	Percentage scoring 0, 1, 2, 3				<i>n</i>	
	0	1	2	3		
Total	1.64	18.88	25	29.79	26.33	376

Table 6: Interval Regression - Stated Gender

	(1) ln(wage)	(2) ln(wage)	(3) ln(wage)	(4) ln(wage)
Skills1	0.0318 (0.0266)	0.0113 (0.0290)	0.0227 (0.0265)	0.00771 (0.0291)
Skills2	0.00171 (0.0317)	0.0381 (0.0298)	0.0164 (0.0320)	0.0395 (0.0299)
Educ1	0.0768 ** (0.0300)	0.00367 (0.0310)	0.0739 ** (0.0290)	0.00504 (0.0309)
Educ2	0.0198 (0.0273)	-0.000209 (0.0296)	0.0271 (0.0269)	0.00311 (0.0301)
Educ3	-0.0545* (0.0314)	0.0337 (0.0363)	-0.0564* (0.0309)	0.0347 (0.0363)
Resp1	-0.0313 (0.0281)	0.0118 (0.0289)	-0.0320 (0.0280)	0.0112 (0.0288)
Resp2	0.0456 ** (0.0229)	0.0156 (0.0251)	0.0526 ** (0.0228)	0.0192 (0.0252)
Cond1	0.0304 (0.0255)	0.00857 (0.0232)	0.0223 (0.0252)	0.00469 (0.0244)
cond2	0.0688 ** (0.0270)	0.0740 ** (0.0291)	0.0639 ** (0.0272)	0.0705 ** (0.0292)
Age	0.0462 ** (0.0200)	0.0387 (0.0277)	0.0448 ** (0.0193)	0.0351 (0.0278)
Age ²	-0.0471 (0.0288)	-0.0387 (0.0411)	-0.0459* (0.0272)	-0.0330 (0.0413)
Gender	-0.117 *** (0.0420)	0.0294 (0.0465)	-0.0816* (0.0502)	0.0405 (0.0491)
CRT			0.146 ** (0.0622)	0.0953 (0.108)
CRT*Gender			-0.0869 (0.0866)	-0.0602 (0.129)
intercept	6.321 *** (0.334)	6.307 *** (0.456)	6.299 *** (0.320)	6.342 *** (0.455)
ln(σ)	-1.361 *** (0.0523)	-1.261 *** (0.0539)	-1.383 *** (0.0535)	-1.265 *** (0.0535)
N	182	186	182	186

"Gender" is a dummy variable equal to 1 if female is the gender assigned by the respondent

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Table 7: Interval Regression - Dominant Gender

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	ln(wage)	ln(wage)	ln(wage)	ln(wage)
model				
Skills1	0.0360 (0.0266)	0.0109 (0.0293)	0.0284 (0.0270)	0.00760 (0.0293)
Skills2	0.00314 (0.0326)	0.0359 (0.0303)	0.0161 (0.0330)	0.0370 (0.0303)
Educ1	0.0828 * ** (0.0299)	0.00791 (0.0313)	0.0803 * ** (0.0294)	0.0110 (0.0309)
Educ2	0.0117 (0.0273)	-0.00405 (0.0299)	0.0181 (0.0271)	-0.00204 (0.0305)
Educ3	-0.0557* (0.0313)	0.0330 (0.0360)	-0.0596* (0.0312)	0.0339 (0.0360)
Resp1	-0.0308 (0.0274)	0.0129 (0.0290)	-0.0308 (0.0273)	0.0132 (0.0290)
Resp2	0.0444 * * (0.0218)	0.0176 (0.0250)	0.0509 * * (0.0221)	0.0210 (0.0252)
Cond1	0.0335 (0.0252)	0.00662 (0.0233)	0.0267 (0.0249)	0.00175 (0.0245)
Cond2	0.0694 * ** (0.0264)	0.0775 * ** (0.0292)	0.0665 * * (0.0263)	0.0723 * * (0.0295)
Age	0.0438 * * (0.0198)	0.0382 (0.0271)	0.0430 * * (0.0190)	0.0350 (0.0270)
Age ²	-0.0440 (0.0282)	-0.0379 (0.0401)	-0.0436 (0.0267)	-0.0326 (0.0401)
Gender	-0.132 * ** (0.0429)	-0.0206 (0.0444)	-0.109 * * (0.0488)	-0.0219 (0.0481)
CRT			0.123* (0.0662)	0.0625 (0.0996)
CRT*Gender			-0.0433 (0.0863)	-0.00237 (0.122)
intercept	6.376 * ** (0.332)	6.343 * ** (0.449)	6.353 * ** (0.318)	6.376 * ** (0.445)
ln(σ)	-1.367 * ** (0.0522)	-1.261 * ** (0.0534)	-1.384 * ** (0.0536)	-1.264 * ** (0.0532)
N	182	186	182	186

"Gender" is a dummy variable equal to 1 if female is the dominant gender in the job

Standard errors in parentheses

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Table 8: Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition

Components	Participant gender					
	Assigned Gender			Gender of Target Job		
	Mean	SE	<i>t</i> -ratio	Mean	SE	<i>t</i> -ratio
(log) wage gap	0.076	0.035	2.13**	0.076	0.035	2.13**
Endowment	0.00033	0.025	0.01	-0.0037	0.0241	-0.15
Unexplained	0.076	0.030	2.52**	0.080	0.029	2.71***